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A. F. & A. M.

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For the Masonic Year 1878, and their Address.

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MILES GOODWIN,	GRAND TILER,	<i>Raleigh.</i>

PROCEEDINGS.

HE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina, commenced its ninety-first Annual Communication, at its Hall in the City of Raleigh, on Tuesday evening, December 4th, A. L., 5877, A. D. 1877, at 7 o'clock, and was opened in ample form, a constitutional number of Lodges being represented.

Prayer by Rev. L. A. Bikle, Grand Chaplain *pro tem*

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT:

M. W.,	HORACE H. MUNSON,	.....	<i>Grand Master.</i>
R. W.,	THOMAS S. KENAN,	.....	<i>as Deputy Grand Master.</i>
"	B. F. ROGERS,	.....	<i>as Senior Grand Warden.</i>
"	J. C. L. GUDGER,	.....	<i>Junior Grand Warden.</i>
"	WILLIAM E. ANDERSON,	....	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
"	DONALD W. BAIN,	.....	<i>Grand Secretary.</i>
Bro.	ALBERT M. NOBLE,	.....	<i>Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
"	ROBERT H. BRADLEY,	.....	<i>as Junior Grand Deacon.</i>
"	ROBERT BINGHAM,	.....	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
"	B. C. MANLY,	.....	<i>as Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
"	F. H. GLOVER,	.....	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
"	MILES GOODWIN,	.....	<i>Grand Tiler.</i>

And the following Past Grand Officers, members of the Grand Lodge:

M. W., John Nichols and George W. Blount, Past Grand Masters; R. W., Eugene Grissom, Past Deputy Grand Master; R. W., James H. Moore, and Samuel H. Rountree, Past Junior Grand Wardens.

The Committee on Credentials submitted their report, which was read, accepted, and re-committed to the Com-

mittee with authority to add the names of representatives whose credentials were presented during the communication.

The following is the final report of the Committee.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

The Committee on Credentials report Lodges represented as follows, as shown by credentials submitted to them.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. NEATHERY, }
F. H. BUSBEE, } *Com.*

ST. JOHN'S,.....	No....1,	J. I. Macks,.....	proxy for W. M.
PHENIX,	"8,	David Cettinger,..	proxy for Officers.
AMERICAN GEORGE, "	" ...17,	Wm. Simpson,....	proxy for officers.
PHALANX,	" ...31,	F. H. Glover, W. M. ;	F. H. Dewey, S. W., and proxy for J. W.
STOKES,.....	" ...32,	L. A. Bikle,.....	W. M.
DAVIE,	" ...39,	James S. Grant,.....	S. W.
HIRAM,	" ...40,	F. H. Busbee, W. M. ;	J. C. R. Little, S. W. ; T. W. Blake, J. W.
HALL,	" ...53,	Thos. Palmer,.....	Rep.
KING SOLOMON,...	" ...56,	James S. Grant,....	proxy for W. M.
CONCORD,	" ...58,	John W. Cotten, proxy for W. M. and	J. W. ; W. G. Lewis, S. W.
SCOTLAND NECK,...	" ...68,	L. J. Deberry,.....	W. M.
ZION,	" ...81,	C. J. Mattocks,.....	W. M.
JOSEPH WARREN, "	" ...92,	D. G. W. Ward,.....	S. W.
JERUSALEM,	" ...95,	Wm. Coward,.....	W. M.
ST. JOHN'S, .	" ...96,	S. H. Rountree,.....	W. M.
WAKE FOREST,...	" ...97,	Thos. Yeargin,.....	W. M.
HIRAM,	" ...98,	R. H. Bradley,....	proxy for Officers.
FULTON,	" ...99,	B. F. Rogers,.....	W. M.
PERQUIMANS,.....	" ...106,	S. D. Wait,....	proxy for Rep.
BELMONT,	" ...108,	R. B. Bell and J. F. Walker, Reps.	
FRANKLIN,	" ...109,	F. Borden Mace,.....	W. M.
WAYNE,	" ...112,	E. A. Wright, W. M. ;	H. C. Prempert,..... J. W.
HOLLY SPRING,...	" ...115,	Jas. T. Adams,.....	W. M.
MT. LEBANON,....	" ...117,	Geo. W. Blount, W. M. ;	Thomas S. Kenan, proxy for S. W.

MT. HERMON,	" ..118,	L. M. Pease, Laurence Pulliam, Reps.
TUSCARORA,	" ..122,	Z. M. Paschall, W. M.
FRANKLINTON,....	" ..123,	H. C. Kearny, W. M.; B. F. Bullock, Jr., S. W.
CLINTON,.....	" ..124,	M. S. Davis, S. W.
MILL CREEK,.....	" ..125,	Chas. H. Williams, proxy for W. M.
GATESVILLE,	" ..126,	Geo. J. Costen, Rep.
RADIANCE,	" ..132,	W. G. Lewis, proxy for W. M.
MOCKSVILLE,	" ..134,	T. B. Bailey, J. W.
MOUNT ENERGY,..	" ..140,	W. N. Harris. W, M.; W. E. Bul- lock, proxy for J. W.
JUNALUSKEE, ...	" ..145,	S. L. Love, proxy for Officers.
CHEROKEE,.....	" ..146,	H. A. Gudger, Rep.
ADONIRAM,	" ..149,	G. W. Watkins, W. M.; L. F. Elliott, S. W.; W. S. Holloway, J. W.
WHITE STONE,....	" ..155,	L. W. Robertson, W. M.; T. J. Wiggs, S, W.
ROLESVILLE,	" ..156,	J. M. Fleming, W. M.
MOUNT PLEASANT,	" ..157,	Dudley Peed, W. M.
KNAP OF REEDS, ..	" ..158,	S. D. Booth, W. M.; Richard Peed, J. W.
ROCK REST,.....	" ..161,	C. E. Johnson, S. W. and Rep.
ARCHER,	" ..165,	J. R. Barnes, S. W.; J. L. Smith, proxy for W. M. and J. W.
WINSTON,	" ..167,	Samuel H. Smith, Rep.
PLEASANT HILL, ..	" ..168,	Wm. Patterson, Rep.
DELK,	" ..171,	F. H. Busbee, proxy for Rep.
GEORGE WASHINGTON,	..174,	E. P. Fearington, proxy for Officers,
SILOAM,	" ..178,	Geo. W. Ward, S. W.
CALDWELL,.....	" ..180,	J. B. Mason, S. W.
SANDY CREEK,....	" ..185,	J. B. Williams, S. W.
CENTRAL CROSS, ..	" ..187,	H. J. Banes, W. M.
BALFOUR,	" ..188,	T. C. Worth, proxy for M. and S. W.
GRANITE,	" ..191,	A. L. Parker, W. M.
FALKLAND,.....	" ..196,	Willis R. Williams, Rep.
EAGLE ROCK,.....	" ..201,	P. P. Pace, W. M.
CLEAVELAND,	" ..202,	John Nichols, proxy for Officers.
BEREA,	" ..204,	J. H. Mills, proxy for S. W. and J. W.
MINGO,	" ..206,	R. H. Bradley, proxy for W. M.
LEBANON,	" ..207,	W. J. Stanly, W. M.
MT. OLIVE,.....	" ..208,	R. C. Broadhurst, ... W. M.
ENO,	" ..210,	W. J. H. Durham, W. M.

INDUSTRIAL,	" ..212, T. W. Bell, proxy for Officers.
RICHLAND,	" ..214, H. J. Harris, S. W.; J. A. Leach, proxy for W. M.
NEW LIGHT,	" ..215, C. M. Rogers, W. M.; E. Grissom and B. Walker, proxy for S. W. J. W.
W. G. HILL,	" ..218, W. R. Cox, W. M.; D. E. Everitt, S. W.; B. C. Manly, J. W.
JONESVILLE,	" ..227, J. S. Bell, Rep.; J. M. Howard, proxy for J. W.
HENDERSON,	" ..229, G. B. Harris, W. M.
CORINTHIAN,	" ..230, James S. Battle, W. M.
WILLIAM T. BAIN,	" ..231, O. R. Rand, proxy for Officers.
LENOIR,	" ..233, S. I. Sutton, M.; C S. Wooten, J. W.
ANCHOR,	" ..234, Thos. J. Johns, W. M.; L. Ferrell, S. W.
COKESBURY,	" ..235, Eli Carter, S. W.
ATLANTIC,	" ..238, Thos. Palmer, Rep.
NAHUNTA,	" ..239, Needham Smith, Rep.
ROUNTREE,	" ..243, Allen Johnson, S. W.
MONROE,	" ..244, W. H. Fitzgerald, W. M.
NEW-BERNE,	" ..245, Thomas A. Henry, W. M.
PYTHAGORAS,	" ..249, J. I. Macks, proxy for Officers.
HOLLY GROVE,	" ..252, Geo. J. Costen, proxy for Officers.
HARNETT,	" ..258, William Utley, W. M.
WAYNESVILLE,	" ..259, S. L. Love and H. A. Gudger, . . Reps.
CENTRE HILL,	" ..260, J. H. Mills, Rep.
EXCELSIOR,	" ..261, D. G. Maxwell, W. M.
FARMINGTON,	" ..265, J. B. Neathery, proxy for Rep.
DURBIN,	" ..266, Jas. M. Spell, W. M.; W. G. Hall, J. W.; Edward Williams, proxy for S. W.
TABASCO,	" ..271, W. R. Smith, S. W.
MEBANEVILLE,	" ..272, Robert Bingham, . . proxy for Officers.
ST. PATRICK'S,	" ..274, Albert Aycock, W. M.
GREEN LEVEL,	" ..277, Augustus Herndon, J. W.
COLESVILLE,	" ..278, D. W. Bain, proxy for Officers.
FORESTVILLE,	" ..282, H. H. Harris, S. W., George Wall, proxy for J. W.
EUREKA,	" ..283, H. A. Deal, Rep.
GREENVILLE,	" ..284, B. W. Brown, W. M.

SALEM,	“ ..289, J. C. L. Harris, proxy for Rep.
FRENCH BROAD, . .	“ ..292, H. A. Gudger, S. W.
VANCE,	“ ..293, W. G. Upchurch, proxy for Officers.
EDGECOMBE,	“ ..298, J. L. Bailey, S. W.
PLEASANT HILL, . .	“ ..304, Samuel H. Rountree, proxy for Officers.
GALATIA,	“ ..306, George P. McNeill, Rep.
PATTERSON,	“ ..307, L. A. Bikle, proxy for Officers.
HATCHER,	“ ..310, William Hinnant and Benj. Nichols, Reps.
KING SOLOMON, . . .	“ ..313, J. D. McGeachy, W. M.
KINSTON,	“ ..316, S. H. Rountree, proxy for Officers.
MONATAU,	“ ..318, D. W. Bain, proxy for Officers.
WILMINGTON,	“ ..319, J. I. Macks, proxy for W. M. and J. W.
SELMA,	“ ..320, J. C. Scarboro, proxy for M.; A. M. Noble, proxy for S. W. and J. W.
WHITE HILL,	“ ..321, N. T. Tyson, Rep.
GRANITE,	“ ..322, D. W. Bain, proxy for Officers.
WENTWORTH,	“ ..324, Robert T. Gray, Rep.
SANDY CREEK,	“ ..326, J. C. Bain, Rep.
WINTON,	“ ..327, John W. Faison and Charles Skinner, Reps.
FAYETTEVILLE, . .	“ ..329, R. E. Sedberry, W. M.; G. P. McNeill, S. W.
BLACK CREEK,	“ ..330, W. S. Anderson, W. M.; J. T. Meacham, proxy for S. W. and J. W.
BAYBORO',	“ ..331, D. B. Hooker, J. W.
GOLDSBORO',	“ ..332, H. F. Grainger, W. M.
LOCK'S CREEK,	“ ..333, R. E. Sedberry, proxy for Officers.
IONIC,	“ ..337, J. C. L. Harris, proxy for Officers.
HARMONY,	“ ..340, Needham J. Smith, W. M.; Joseph P. Smith, S. W.
CEDAR FORK,	“ ..342, L. M. Hurst, J. W.
SNOW CREEK,	“ ..345, James Southgate, proxy for Officers.
TRAP HILL,	“ ..346, J. S. Bell, proxy for Officers.
STANLY,	“ ..348, S. J. Pemberton, W. M.
APEX,	“ ..349, G. W. Atkinson, Q. I. Hudson, Sidney Segraves, Reps.
MOUNT MORIAH, . .	“ ..350, John W. Cotten, proxy for Officers.

ENFIELD,	“ ..351, D. B. Bell,...	S. W.
DURHAM,	“ ..352, James Southgate, ...	W. M.
EUNO,..	“ ..354, I. H. Collins,	J. W.
DELLAPLANE,.....	“ ..355, J. S. Bell,	proxy for Officers.

The Grand Master delivered his Annual Address, and referred the same to a committee composed of Bre. Thomas S. Kenan, L. A. Bikle and John Nichols.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

BRETHREN: The wheels of time move on. Slowly indeed they seemed to turn in our boyhood days, but with advancing years they grew apace 'till now, standing (as I do) where the shadows of the past and lights of the future meet in my half century pilgrimage; they revolve so quickly, that scarcely do we enter upon a new year, ere we are called to note its end.

It is not pleasant always to retrospect the past, too many sad and bitter memories crowd into the twelve months as they go so swiftly by. Rather would we with faith hopefully point to the future, resolving that upon its page no record of conscious wrong shall be inscribed, that repeated acts of charity and benevolence shall mark our way, so that our closing hours may be gladdened with thoughts of a well spent life, and the promised glorious immortality.

Around this masonic altar we gladly welcome you. Gladly, because our masonic faith is increased. Gladly, because as mind comes in contact with mind one rough ashler may perchance be polished by another more nearly perfected. Gladly, because the pleasant smile, the cheerful voice, the warm pressure of the fraternal hand, testify that brethren on the level meet; those who are cemented in one common bond of brotherhood, bound firmly together by that mystic tie which more than three thousand years has so greatly strengthened, that, living up to its principles only Deity himself can rend in twain. It is here that we can interchange thought, concoct grand schemes of progress, reform the errors of the past, and mark out a more certain path for the future. It is here that we can inculcate a more exalted patriotism, give tone and elevation to character, weave those bonds which shall knit us together, if possible, a stronger organization, and enact laws which shall make our subordinate lodges great nurseries of public morality, the beauty of whose light shall consist not in occasional flashes, but in one continued mild serenity, like the king of day, brightening with blessed influences all who come within their reach.

We meet in a season of partially recovered prosperity, when the incubus which, resting so long on all industrial pursuits, has, in a measure, been removed; when peace and plenty crown our labors, and the song of a happy people once again fills the land. It is therefore meet that we render to Him whom masons reverence and serve (as we have done) first of all, that thanksgiving which is His due, for these proofs of love and favor.

We now stand upon the threshold of a new masonic year. The past is valuable only for the experience it brings and the lessons it teaches. By it we are warned of the rocks upon which, it may be, our happiness was nearly wrecked, and are taught to avoid those quicksands upon which, it may be, our moral character nearly foundered. Masonry, we are taught, is a progressive science, but our experience teaches that with some its spirit may be too greatly progressive. Too often we meet with those who, conscious of superior knowledge above their fellows, seek offensively to demonstrate their ideas of masonic reform, as they bear about high sounding titles, and adorn their persons with many emblems of masonic greatness. Such persons do harm to masonry, because, being its acknowledged votaries, the world judges by what it sees and hears. When our sensibilities are thus intruded upon, we are reminded of the man who thought

As a step in the way of reform,
(The stupid, stupid ass,)
To take the sun from off his throne,
And light the world with gas!

Our masonry teaches a meek and quiet spirit; charity for all unenlightened brethren; a modest seeking to overcome, it may be, honest error, an exemplification in our own walk and conversation of that friendship, love and truth, so beautifully taught in our rituals; an earnest, hearty, continued effort, without ostentation, to benefit the human race; a looking after and alleviating distress; a thoughtful care of orphan children; a diligence in our respective callings; a liberal benevolence; all these go to make up an unselfish, true and beautiful masonic character. Let us emulate that pattern, so conspicuous in masonry, whose virtuous conduct, unfeigned piety and inflexible fidelity to his trusts made his life work not only a blessing to those by whom he was surrounded, but a guide for us and countless generations yet to come.

I cannot too greatly regret my inability, during the past year, to visit the lodges and become conversant personally with their workings. From what I am able to gather, however, our prosperity is

increasing, harmony generally prevails, and the future presents bright and pleasing prospects.

Immediately upon the closing of our last Annual Communication, in obedience to the mandate of the Grand Lodge, I arrested the charter of Rehoboth Lodge, No. 279, ordering the same, with its records, to be sent to the Grand Secretary, and other property belonging thereto, into the custody of Bro. J. J. Ward, where it now is.

In accordance with a resolution of the Grand Lodge, I appointed Bros. W. E. Anderson, J. A. Leach and F. H. Busbee, a committee to present the claims of the Orphan Asylum to the General Assembly; also Bros. S. H. Rountree, Thomas Palmer, W. F. Davis and Bernice Walker, Grand Lecturers, an account of whose labors they will doubtless present to you.

A circular from the M. W. G. Master, of Missouri, informed me officially of the death of that eminent mason, George Frank Gouley, to which your attention will be more fully directed by our Grand Secretary.

DISPENSATIONS.

Dispensations have been granted to a number of lodges to elect and instal officers out of time; other dispensations granted for new lodges and the revival of old charters, will be reported upon by the Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

On February, 14th, I received an invitation from the M. W. G. M. Percival Lowell Everett, of Massachusetts, to attend the centennial celebration of the pioneer Grand Lodge of America. This celebration took place on the eighth day of March last, and was largely attended. It is a remarkable fact, that during the war of independence, not one session of this Grand Lodge failed of being held, and many of the distinguished men of that age sustained by their presence, advice and encouragement, its dignity and brilliancy. In casually glancing over one hundred and seventy-five printed pages of this centennial mental and physical feast, we find that "Virginia and Massachusetts stood shoulder to shoulder masonically, the latter having organized a Grand Lodge in 1777, the former in 1778; Maryland comes next, in 1783; and thus was perfected a masonic triad of independents who, during the war, did much faithful service, and were deeply imbued with zeal for the revolutionary cause. Their records show a galaxy of names whose fame and glory are part of

the proudest possessions of the whole masonic community. One star differeth from another in glory. Massachusetts claims one differential point in the equality of our common glories, which is, that she is the elder of the sisterhood of independent Grand Lodges of the United States, and that in unison with Virginia, she laid the plans, made the models and founded the school of art, upon which every Grand Lodge of America has since been constituted." "Honor to whom honor is due."

The pleasant duty of dedicating a hall to masonry and installing the officers of Mount Mourne Lodge, No. 347, in March last, I delegated to Bro. F. H. Glover, W. M. Phalanx Lodge, No. 31, who reports the service performed amid a large concourse of the brethren.

In August last, the corner stone of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Reidsville, was laid by Roman Eagle Lodge, No. 334, Bro. James W. Reid, of Wentworth Lodge, No. 224, acting as Grand Master.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

Your attention is called to the successful plan adopted in other jurisdictions of appointing District Deputy Grand Masters. Such a system prevailed at one time in our own State, which was broken up by the war, consequent upon the inability of the then Grand Master to procure the services of competent brethren to perform the duties; and although since recommended by (I think) two of my predecessors, for some unknown reason it was passed unnoticed by. It seems to me the necessities of our lodges require some such additional aid, covering, as we do, a large extent of territory, scattered as the lodges are, and inconvenient of access, if our State was districted and a competent brother appointed in each, all could, in the course of the year, be visited, their workings supervised, errors corrected, differences reconciled, abandoned property taken care of, lectures given, and a system of work, uniform in fact, (that which this Grand Lodge has so long and zealously endeavored to adopt, and which has so signally and repeatedly failed) so thoroughly inaugurated that, instead of speaking (as it is said we now do) in unknown tongues, we shall present one harmonious, complete and perfect whole. I trust, at this Grand Communication, this matter will receive your calm and impartial consideration, for I am convinced some such system, well defined and surrounded with the necessary safeguards, would prove of incalculable benefit to those for whom it is our privilege to legislate.

ORPHAN ASYLUM.

I approach this subject with some trepidation, consequent upon a consciousness of my inability to do justice to such a vast and noble enterprise. But few of us, I imagine, brethren, have a just conception of the magnitude of this work. Situated as the Asylum is, in a spot inaccessible by rail, but few, except those living contiguous thereto, have any idea of the splendid property there belonging to us. In the county of Granville, twelve miles from the Raleigh & Gaston Railroad, upon the suburbs of the village of Oxford, amid a beautiful grove of between three and four hundred oaks, stands the Orphan Asylum. Built of brick, four stories high, of Romanesque style of architecture, the whole, with its spire, domes and finials, presents to the beholder a model of wisdom, strength and beauty. Within its walls are nearly sixty rooms, divided into school, printing, sleeping and office apartments, including a spacious chapel, capable of comfortably seating seven hundred and fifty persons, while a large and substantial building in the rear furnishes rooms for cooking and eating purposes. Upon the premises of one hundred and nine acres are bathing, washing and stabling houses, and seven springs, nearly all in order, whence pure water for man and beast continually flows. A portion of the land is covered with a fine growth of young trees, a part is laid off for garden purposes, while ample pasturage for the blooded stock of cows and hogs gives promise of an abundance of milk, beef and pork in time to come. A matron and corps of teachers, under the control and direction of our worthy superintendent, preside over the moral, physical and intellectual growth of the orphans. From one hundred to one hundred and twenty children are here gathered together, whose happy countenances index the contentment reigning within. A visit made in June last impressed me, as I never was impressed before, with the fact that the establishment of an Orphan Asylum in this beautiful spot was indeed a grand achievement—worthy of the order with whom it originated. Under the guidance of its energetic superintendent, and the blessing of Almighty God, it has gone forward in the line of its duty year after year, 'till now, it is firmly fastened in the affections of our people. Long may it be ere silence reigns in its halls, but with every increase of childish voices may the means for their sustenance correspondingly appear. The great heart of the people of the Old North State, from the mountains to the seaboard, is waking up to the necessity for a continuance of this great work, and if masons do their duty it will not, it cannot fail. Let us see to it,

brethren, that we keep alive within our breasts its continual needs; that we manifest our love and affection by a constant, steady stream of benevolence, so that in the years to come, our children's children may point to it as the proudest monument of North Carolina Freemasonry.

JURISPRUDENCE.

Many and continued have been the questions asked of the Grand Master, and voluminous has consequently been the correspondence. If it could be possible for the Grand Lodge to enact some law, by which each subordinate lodge would be furnished with copies of the Masonic Code, gotten up with so much care and labor by our Grand Secretary, and furnished at scarcely the cost of publication, it would go very far to lessen the labor as well as expense of the Grand Master's office; for many of the questions asked find their solution in that work. Each lodge should have at least one copy, and not write the Grand Master until they have exhausted its pages, without getting the desired information. If lodges were provided with this code, they would see that the prevailing rule in this jurisdiction is, that all communications addressed to the Grand Master on masonic law should be through the Secretary, with seal of lodge attached. Not one in twenty, probably, of the communications received by me have come under this rule. I have not felt at liberty, however, to decline answering any of these questions, but have, to the best of my ability with the lights before me, given the required information. I speak of this matter now, so that it may be borne in mind, and my successor thereby relieved of much labor to which I have been subjected.

DEATH.

We fondly hoped our duties as your presiding officer would have ended with no record of fraternal loss, but alas! alas! the death angel has not passed us unheeded by. Our friend and brother P. G. M. WILLIAM GEDDY HILL, is no more. Born in the city of Raleigh, September 11, 1806, educated at the University of North Carolina, adopting the profession of medicine, the study of which he pursued with unabated ardor under the direction of Dr. Philemon Hawkins, of Warren county, he entered the Medical College of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he graduated about the year 1829. He received the degree of masonry in Hiram Lodge, No. 40, in February, 1831, withdrew in May following, and affiliated with Colum-

bus Lodge, No. 102, Pittsboro'; renewed his membership in Hiram Lodge No. 40, March, 1842; served as Junior Warden in 1844, and and 1845; as Master in 1846-47 and 1856; as J. G. W. of this Grand Lodge in 1850, and Grand Master in 1862, declining a re-election for a second term. In all the relations of life he was held in the highest esteem by those fortunate enough to make his acquaintance, but in masonry he was pre-eminently great; endowed with a vigorous intellect, a well balanced mind, and a heart wherein love for his race was thoroughly enshrined, he manifested in his daily walk and conversation the ground work of our order—friendship, love and truth, in all their highest and ennobling qualities. We miss his venerable form, his kindly greeting, his practical advice, his disinterested friendship; and although the sun of his earthly life went out in darkness on May 4, 1877, we trust his spiritual life began in unclouded splendor.

Mournfully, chant mournfully, the requiem for the dead,
Mourn for a brother fallen, a lofty spirit fled;
Strike the harp strings sadly, and hush the voice of mirth,
The form that moved in manhood's pride, lies mould'ring in the earth.

Aye, mournfully, chant mournfully, the requiem for the dead,
While the night winds moan in dirge-like tone around his lowly bed;
Yet let it not be hopelessly, for the pathway that he trod,
While here in life—our faith is strong, hath led him up to God.

DECISIONS.

1. A motion seconded and stated by the presiding officer, is the property of the Lodge, and cannot be withdrawn without their consent.

2. All members, in good standing, are entitled to vote, even if it be on their own petition for dismission.

3. A motion seconded, and stated by the presiding officer, must be put, unless properly withdrawn, the Master cannot ignore it.

4. A member, in good standing, has the right of speaking to any question before the Lodge, unless a point of order be raised, which must be decided by the Master.

5. Members present at a regular communication, decide questions coming before the Lodge; and such decision is legal, notwithstanding the whole membership are not present.

6. All members present are obliged to vote. If they do not so desire, the Master can permit them to retire until after the vote is taken.

7. A brother, in good standing, cannot be restrained from ballot-

ing, even if he has declared his intention of blackballing the candidate.

8. Illicit distilling is sufficient ground upon which to base charges against a brother, and no hesitancy should be had in acting accordingly.

9. Financial difficulties between masons should if possible be adjusted amicably, but it is not unmasonic, when other means fail, to bring an action at law.

10. A Master has the power to summon orally, but otherwise the summon should be issued through the Secretary, in writing, with seal of lodge attached.

11. A certificate of dismission is not legal, unless it bears the seal of the lodge by which it is issued.

12. No certificate of dismission should be granted a brother against whom it is proposed to bring charges; if their validity is not sustained, then the certificate may be granted.

13. The law does not specify when summonses shall or may be issued, that power being discretionary with the Master.

14. A notice with seal of lodge and signature of the Secretary, mailed through the post office to a brother's supposed or last known place of residence, is a legal notice.

15. Two persons, one a mason, the other a profane, having differences of a private character antecedent to the initiation of the latter, remain unreconciled, when it comes to the knowledge of the initiate that the brother proposes to use the blackball when he applies for advancement, the initiate being a man of irreproachable character and good citizen, the lodge generally being exceedingly desirous for his advancement, ask what to do. A brother has the right to object without a question, and such objection, till removed, acts as a barrier to such advancement. Though unwise, it is not unmasonic to declare what he will do in certain cases proposed. The criminality lies in declaring the act performed; for instance, you cannot try a mason for saying he will blackball a candidate; but if, after he is blackballed, he makes the declaration that he has done so, he violates an edict of the Grand Lode, and is liable to prosecution.

16. Dispensation asked, to entertain the petition of a profane belonging to the jurisdiction of another lodge, with the assurance that said lodge would sanction such an arrangement. Dispensation refused; let the petitioner apply to the lodge in whose jurisdiction he properly belongs. If elected, and they desire you to confer the degrees, the fees can be arranged between you.

17. A B filed a petition for the degrees, and was elected; but before conferring, heard he had been rejected in another lodge, what is my duty in the case?—obtain permission of the rejecting lodge to entertain the petition; if refused, return the petition, with fees.

18. A B was initiated an entered apprentice, petitioned for the second degree, and was rejected. At a subsequent meeting a reconsideration was had, he was elected, and notified to present himself for advancement. At the next regular meeting, upon a reading of the minutes, a brother objected to the advancement of the candidate, considering the reconsideration illegal, and moved to lay the matter before the Grand Master—objection sustained. No reconsideration of a ballot is legal, the proper mode being a re-petition.

19. A lodge desires a remittal of the dues of a brother who wishes to affiliate with it, giving reasons therefor—said dues owing the lodge to which he formerly belonged, and which has become extinct: Held that the Grand Master had no power to act in the premises, the remedy, if any, to be applied by the Grand Lodge.

20. Has a W. M. the power to place a P. M. in the East to confer degrees, when the Sen. and Jun. Wardens are present, and willing to serve? He has, provided he is present while the chair is so filled, he being the best judge of the qualifications of his Wardens.

21. If a brother presides in the Worshipful Master's presence, who is to wear the jewel of his office. The brother occupying the East must be recognized as the Worshipful Master, and wear the jewel appertaining to the office.

22. It is necessary to re-install re-elected officers, because being elected for one year only, their obligation does not extend beyond that period.

23. Any Past Master, in good standing, is competent to act as installing officer.

24. Any Master Mason, in good standing, can preside in the East, being called thereto by competent authority, such authority remaining present, while the East is so filled.

25. No brother can be admitted to membership while residing in another Grand Jurisdiction, our masonic progress being barred by State lines.

26. Officers elect and absent at the time of installation, cannot be installed by a representative, unless said officer assents thereto, because an obligation taken by one person cannot be binding upon another.

We congratulate the fraternity that through the efforts of P. G. M. Blount, freely given in July last, what promised to become a

serious difficulty in Hatcher Lodge, No. 310, was fortunately quieted, so that where discord and confusion reigned supreme, peace and harmony now abound.

MASONIC JOURNALISM.

Among the many masonic journals demised during the last year, none are more sincerely regretted than the one published in Greensborough. It is a somewhat singular fact, that among the thousands of masons in this State, a paper devoted especially to their interests, cannot be maintained. Efforts made before in this direction have signally failed, and by their acts, if not in plainly spoken words, they say, we want no masonic paper in North Carolina. In the face of these repeated failures, the *Orphan's Friend* makes its weekly appearance in the households of those who fortunately subscribe thereto. With columns filled with rich, rare and racy matter, fitted for the sober, aged or frolicsome youth; edited by a brother of no mean reputation as a journalist in other than masonic fields, it commends itself warmly to our notice and affections, from the fact that it is one means whereby the wants of our Orphan Asylum are being made known to the world at large, and creates an interest in its behalf, which probably would not be obtained through any other source at our command. We cordially commend it to your hearts and patronage.

I regret that I felt it my duty in October, last, to suspend from performing the functions of his office, the W. M. of Jonesville Lodge, No. 227; the papers in the case are in the hands of the Grand Secretary, and will be placed with the proper committee.

I call your attention to the unsolved problem regarding the Asheville Orphan Asylum property; and as the last Grand Lodge failed to arrive at any definite or satisfactory conclusion concerning its disposition, I recommend that the matter be placed in the hands of three brethren of the legal profession, in accordance with whose report the Grand Master shall be fully empowered to act.

I cannot close this, my first, and probably last, address I shall have the honor to make to this grand body without requesting that its seal of absolute condemnation be set upon an innovation sought to be incorporated in the masonic creed, by some of its professed friends. I copy from a paper of the day:

"The French masons have long been divided upon the question, whether a belief in the Grand Architect of the universe, should be a dogma of their order. At the recent masonic convention, in France, the second clause of the constitution which ran thus: Free-

masonry holds to the principle of the existence of a God and of the immortality of the soul, was altered by an immense majority to "Freemasonry holds to the principle of an absolute freedom of conscience and the brotherhood of mankind."

Can enlightened masons subscribe to a dogma so utterly subversive of all they hold dear, as this? Can we respond fraternally to brethren, who impliedly say, they want no God in masonry, and have no faith in the immortality of the human soul, who bring discredit upon an order which, from time immemorial, has recognized the Great I Am as a being supreme above all things, who, with mad-dened profanity, write over the doors of their masonic temples: There is no God; Death is an eternal sleep? Of what use, then, would be your temples of worship? How worse than mockery your funeral ceremonies, how delusive all lofty aspirations, how hopeless the expectation of eternal life in that land where we believe perpetual youth and spring abound? With one heart and voice let masonic America respond to this insulting proposition of misguided France, bringing such a pressure to bear as will result in restoring the stricken landmark to her mutilated constitution, or let that fraternal chain be broken, which now symbolizes and links us together a band of brothers. Principles are worth more to us than men, pureness of heart, than bonds of brotherhood.

Remove this foundation stone, upon which our beautiful masonic temple in all the grandeur of sublimity rests, and around which the affections of our hearts fondly cluster, and there will be none so poor as to do it reverence.

There is a Temple, tho' unseen,
Built not by human hands,
Which has not here alone its home,
Nor yet in foreign lands;
A Temple wrought with wondrous skill,
Surpassing matchless art,
Where masonry delights to dwell,
It is the human heart.

Long may it be ere time shall write
Upon its hidden face,
That God, the revered, pure and good,
In Masonry hath no place;
Then brethren, guard this Temple well,
Nor let its truth depart,
Above all others, prize the most,
This Temple of the heart.

The Grand Secretary submitted his Annual Report, which was read and referred to the Committee on his Books and Report:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

BRETHREN: I cannot, as far as my information extends, report a general increase of prosperity among our Lodges. While this is true, a comparative exhibit of the condition of the Order in this country, does not place this Grand Jurisdiction below the degree of average progress. The increase of our membership may not equal that of some other Jurisdictions, yet the returns of our Lodges indicate a commendable disposition to maintain the character of the Order by not only admitting the worthy, but rejecting those deemed unworthy, and casting out the offending members.

The death roll reveals the sad fact that many true and zealous brethren have been lost to us.

In submitting this report, I mention such matters as I feel may be of interest and importance to you, and, in connection with some subjects, venture suggestions, which I hope will be beneficial.

Under the direction of the Publishing Committee, I caused to be printed the usual number of copies of the Proceedings of the last Annual Communication, and distributed them as the law requires. In obedience to the resolution of the last Annual Communication, I omitted the publication of the membership of the Lodges, which reduced the expense of printing two hundred and sixty-seven dollars.

The receipts of the year from all sources amount to three thousand seven hundred and eighty-four dollars and ninety cents, and are as follows:

Dues from Lodges for 1876 and previous years,	\$3,651 65
Charters deducting Grand Secretary's fees,	95 00
Dispensations deducting Grand Secretary's fees,	27 00
Diplomas and sale of Grand Lodge Proceedings,	4 00
Dues from former members of extinct Lodges, under Sec. 2, of Art. VI of the Code,	7 25
Total,	\$3,784 90

This amount I paid to the Grand Treasurer.

I took occasion in my last annual report to refer to the deficiency of receipts from annual dues as to the amount which should be realized from the per capita stipend on the entire membership in the

jurisdiction, and suggested as the cause the financial embarrassments of many of the Lodges. I have to refer to the subject again, and report a deficiency in the receipts the present year as arising from the same cause.

When special application was made for the arrears some Lodges asked indulgence which the necessities of the cases compelled me to grant.

Many Lodges find it much more difficult to pay the fifty cents assessment on their membership than fifteen dollars, which they formerly paid, hence, my cash book and ledger show many entries of partial payments. I would that the case were different, but have found it absolutely impossible to make it so. I might suggest as another cause for this deficiency, the action of the Lodges generally in excluding members for non-payment of dues— in some instances more have been thus dealt with, others less—yet the aggregate is considerable, numbering in 1875 and 1876, the two first years after the revenue system was changed, more than one thousand. A disregard of the regulations of the Lodges on the part of the members, as well as their obligations to pay the dues, is the alleged ground of such action, and, under existing law, this is the only redress the Lodges have for this unfaithfulness.

The following Lodges have been established under the Dispensation of the Grand Master:

June 11, 1877—*Acacia*, at Belle Voir, Chatham county.

“ 26, “ —*Mount Vernon*, at Stonewall, Pamlico county.

Oct. 27, “ —*East La Porte*, at East La Porte, Jackson county.

The following Lodges were continued under Dispensation:

Leasburg, at Leasburg, Caswell county.

Bakersville, at Bakersville, Mitchell county.

Mayon, at Clayfork, Cumberland county.

Scotch Ireland Lodge, No. 154, at Rowan Mills, Rowan county, resumed work regularly in May last under the special dispensation of the Grand Master. It has since removed to Mount Vernon, in the same county, with the consent of the Grand Master. The proceedings in the matter of removal, which were regular, were submitted to, and approved by, me, under Article VIII, of the by-laws of the Grand Lodge.

Mount Bethel Lodge, No. 254, removed from Lomaxville, Rockingham county, to Aspen Grove, same county. The proceedings

were approved, and removal consented to by the Grand Master.

Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 82, at Statesville, whose charter was restored at the last Annual Communication, declined to resume work under that action, the brethren preferring, as I learn, to establish a new Lodge, owing to some embarrassments which might affect the prosperity of the Lodge, if working under the old charter.

Five new Lodges were chartered at the last Annual Communication, numbering 352 to 356, both inclusive.

Prospect Lodge, No. 311, located in Rowan county, ceased work in October last. I have since received official notice of this action, and its charter and seal. The property has been secured and is held by an agent appointed by the Grand Master.

I have received definite information that Unaka Lodge, No. 268, at Webster, Jackson county, and Pamlico Lodge, No. 300, at Aurora, Beaufort county, have also ceased work. Steps have been taken by the Grand Master to secure their property.

I may be permitted to reiterate here, in substance, remarks which I made in my annual report of 1874, as applicable at the present.

Inactivity on the part of members of some Lodges is the cause of the loss of the charters. In other instances the brethren preferred to surrender their charters with a view to the establishment of new Lodges, and thus get rid of unfaithful members, instead of resorting to the means provided by law, to accomplish this end.

While in some cases a recourse to such means has been productive of some benefit to the fraternity in a moral point of view, and preserved the organization of the more faithful element of the membership, still a failure of complete success is the experience of others who sought relief in the exclusive precincts of new Lodges. While the noble efforts in this direction of brethren, prompted, no doubt, by a genuine devotion to the Order and a desire to preserve its purity, should be appreciated, nevertheless, it is cause for regret that the Lodges should have to go down under the unfaithfulness of their own members.

To enforce the idea suggested by these remarks I state that, from and including the year 1865, (when masonry received a fresh impulse in North Carolina) to the present time, one hundred and twenty-nine Lodges have been chartered by this Grand Body, of which number at least one-third are successors to Lodges formerly existing, or were made up of their better material. Thus, while our registry of numbers has been constantly added to, intervening numbers are deducted. Our highest number now is three hundred and fifty-six, and the number working is two hundred and thirty-four.

RETURNS OF LODGES.

There is still a considerable delinquency on the part of Secretaries of Lodges in complying with the law requiring the annual returns to be made to the Grand Secretary by the 25th of November. An observance of this law is very important. It is necessary that the returns be accurate, so that a correct charge of dues can be made. The disappearance of names from the membership without explanation under the proper headings of the returns, calls for enquiry, and an examination in advance of the meeting of the Grand Lodge, leads to a correction of errors and the collection of a proper amount of dues.

In cases where the returns and dues are brought by the representatives it is impossible, in the midst of the pressing demands upon the time of the Grand Secretary and his assistant, on the assembling and during the session of the Grand Lodge, to examine the returns and ascertain the proper amount of dues.

Again, as it is necessary to obtain reliable statistics for publication in the Proceedings, all gains and losses in membership should be accounted for, and in view of this an extensive correspondence, after an inspection of the returns, has been required, so as to have errors corrected and omissions supplied.

These suggestions are made in view of their importance, hoping they may attract the attention of the Secretaries, and secure accuracy and promptness in preparing and transmitting their returns.

Having a due appreciation of the manifest desire on the part of this laborious class of the fraternity to perform their duty, I do not, by referring again to this subject, design to reflect upon them, but with the view to urge the importance of the law and the necessity conforming to it.

GRAND LODGE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES.

The library contains four hundred valuable masonic works. The arrangements of the room assigned to the Grand Secretary as a depository for the library and the archives, are not ample for the proper care of both. An extension of the shelving is necessary to a methodical re-filing of the papers, the larger number of which yet remains in the boxes in which they were removed from the old hall. I respectfully ask for the small appropriation of thirty-five dollars for this purpose, this being the estimate of the cost of the work as made by an experienced carpenter.

DEATHS.

I am performing a painful duty in announcing the death of George Frank Gouley, Grand Secretary of the Grand Bodies of Missouri.

The poignancy of the grief which this event produced, is increased by the sad circumstances which attended it. On the 11th of April last, while yet in the vigor of manhood, his life was tragically terminated with the destruction by fire of the Southern Hotel, in the city of Saint Louis. After every avenue of escape had been closed by the flames, he fell from the burning wall to the pavement below and was killed.

The numerous eulogiums pronounced upon the life and character of Bro. Gouley, are testimonials of his moral worth and general esteem in which he was held as a citizen and mason.

While Missouri mourns him as her adopted son, and because of the loss of his immediate social influence and valuable counsels, the fraternity condole with her, and, recognizing him as a true exponent of their cherished principles, preserve his name and record of his deeds as valued mementoes.

New Hampshire also, has lost a beloved and faithful servant by the death of her Grand Secretary, Bro. John A. Harris, which occurred at his home, in the city of Concord, on the third of September last. The prominence and usefulness of this distinguished brother extended with his advancing years. A personal acquaintance with him, though formed by a brief association, added to what is written of him, enables me to place on record this testimonial of the individual and masonic virtues, which were conspicuously exhibited in his life, and to offer this feeble tribute to his memory.

This report is respectfully submitted with expressions of gratitude to Him, who has favored us with another season of fraternal association, and with the hope that the deliberations of this Annual Communication may be directed by His wisdom and concluded with His benediction.

DONALD W. BAIN,
Grand Secretary.

The Grand Treasurer submitted his Annual Report, which was read and referred to the Committee on Accounts and Claims :

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

W. E. ANDERSON, GRAND TREASURER,

In account with Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

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To amount on hand last report, December 5, 1876,	\$	578	89
“ amount received from Grand Secretary, past Masonic year,		3,784	90
Whole amount,	\$	4,363	79

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BY AMOUNTS EXPENDED AS FOLLOWS :

1876.

Dec. 6,	Paid W. W. Holden, Postmaster, postage on returns,	\$	3	50
6,	“ M. S. Davis, Junior Warden, dues remitted Clinton Lodge,		38	00
7,	“ H. C. Premper, services and expenses as Grand Tiler,		74	00
7,	“ J. D. Sutherland, Junior Grand Deacon, expenses attending Grand Communication,		17	60
7,	“ J. Hildesheimer, Grand Sword Bearer, expenses attending Grand Communication,		15	85
7,	“ H. H. Munson, Senior Grand Warden, expenses attending Grand Communication,		21	00
8,	“ G. Rosenthal, services as Assistant Grand Secretary,		25	00
8,	“ J. C. L. Gudger, Junior Grand Deacon, expenses attending Annual Communication,		41	90
8,	“ J. H. Carter, attorney, on account advances to Orphan Asylum,		148	00
10,	“ G. W. Blount, Grand Master, expenses attending Annual Communication,		13	85

Dec.	12,	“ William G. Hill Lodge, gas consumed by Grand Lodge,..	\$ 8 37
	12,	“ City of Raleigh, tax on Grand Lodge building,	13 33
	12,	“ News Publishing Company, advertising Annual Communication,.....	5 00
	13,	“ E. S. Martin, Grand Marshal, expenses attending Annual Communication,....	20 30
	13,	“ J. H. Mills, Superintendent, on account of Orphan Asylum,.....	200 00
	16,	“ John Nichols, circulars, envelopes, returns, &c.,... ..	62 50
	20,	“ <i>Orphans' Friend</i> , advertising Annual Communication, ..	3 30
	20,	“ Miles Goodwin, tiling and moving, ...	10 00
	26,	“ W. W. Holden, Postmaster, postage stamps,	5 00
	26,	“ William G. Hill Lodge, rent of lodge room from June, 1875, to Jan'y, 1877,	150 00
	26,	“ Southern Express Company, freight on package from Greensboro',....	25
1877.			
Jan'y	6,	“ J. H. Mills, Superintendent, on account of Orphan Asylum,.....	300 00
Feb'y	5,	“ Georgia Home Insurance Co., insurance on Orphan Asylum building,.....	54 00
March	6,	“ W. W. Holden, Postmaster, postage on Proceedings Grand Lodge,	22 00
	8,	“ John Nichols, printing Annual Proceedings, envelopes, &c.,.....	175 75
	17,	“ J. H. Mills. Superintendent, on account Orphan Asylum,..	500 00
	22,	“ North Carolina Home Insurance Company, insurance on Orphan Asylum building,	40 00
May	4,	“ Western Union Telegraph Company, messages to and from Grand Master, .	1 04
	16,	“ W. W. Holden, Postmaster, postage stamps, ..	2 00
	16,	“ William Mann, one ream letter heads for Grand Secretary, ..	15 59

May	22,	"	D. W. Bain, Grand Secretary, salary for year ending December 6, 1876,.....	700 00
July	3,	"	J. H. Mills, Superintendent, on account Orphan Asylum,.....	500 00
Oct.	25,	"	W. W. Holden, Postmaster, postage stamps,	5 30
Nov.	9,	"	H. H. Munson, Grand Master, expenses of office,	43 86
	15,	"	Southern Express Co., freight,.....	50
	15,	"	J. H. Mills, Superintendent, on account Orphan Asylum,.....	500 00
	26,	"	J. W. Watson, portrait of Grand Master Munson,.....	55 00
	28,	"	E. S. Martin, services as Private Secretary to Grand Master,.....	25 00
Dec.	3,	"	Compensation to Grand Treasurer, past year,	150 00
	4,	"	Balance carried to new Masonic year,...	397 00
				\$ 4,363 79

1877.

Dec. 4, Balance carried to new Masonic year, ..\$397 00

I desire again to call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the fact that the dilatory manner in which the subordinate Lodges pay their dues to the Grand Lodge, leaves the Grand Treasurer sometimes without money to pay the appropriation for the Orphan Asylum, when called for by its Superintendent, and might thus bring that institution into serious trouble. During the past Masonic year the Superintendent called for the last quarter due him, (five hundred dollars) when there was not one cent in the treasury to meet his draft, and I was obliged to borrow the amount to supply his wants, while at the same time there was due the Grand Lodge from the subordinate Lodges more than one thousand dollars. If at any time the Grand Treasurer should be unable to borrow money to meet the necessities of the Orphan Asylum, it will readily be seen that the result might be disastrous to that noble institution; in my judgment some more speedy and reliable means of furnishing the Asylum with money, should be devised, and I have no doubt the proper committee will present you a scheme for this purpose in detail.

The Orphan Asylum Endowment Fund has not been increased one cent in the past masonic year, and still remains fixed at the pitiful

sum stated in my last annual report; a scheme for endowing this grand work has been devised by friends of our Order, based upon the principle of life insurance, and will be introduced to your notice by a distinguished mason, to whose advice this Grand Lodge has always given ready attention, and it is to be hoped so important a matter will have your most earnest consideration.

The insurance against loss by fire on the Orphan Asylum buildings has been kept up to the original amount ordered by the Grand Lodge, ten thousand dollars, and the proper vouchers will be found filed for this expenditure.

The Grand Lodge property in the old Masonic building and land, in the city of Raleigh, on the corner of Morgan and Dawson streets, is in a very dilapidated condition, and is almost entirely unproductive. I have tried to rent parts of the building but without success until very recently, and it will probably not at any time rent for enough to pay the taxes. I suggest that a new committee be appointed to take steps for selling the entire property and realizing its money value, which, if feasible, ought to produce quite a handsome sum for the Grand Lodge treasury.

For the rent of the rooms, now occupied by the Grand Lodge, I have agreed, on its behalf with the subordinate Lodges of this city, to pay the sum of one hundred dollars per annum, this being the sum originally ordered to be paid by the Grand Lodge.

At the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer is hereby instructed to purchase new jewels and regalia for the officers of the Grand Lodge, provided the cost shall not exceed one hundred dollars.

In obedience to this resolution, I entered into correspondence with a first-class house in New York, whose business is to make jewels and regalia for masonic bodies, and from them I received samples of different designs and prices. The very lowest sum at which it was found that a set of jewels and regalia, which would be at all useful or ornamental, could be furnished, was one hundred and fifty dollars, and acting with the advice of the Grand Master and many prominent masons of this city, to whom the samples were submitted, I abandoned the attempt, feeling satisfied that the Grand Lodge would not desire to purchase a set of jewels and regalia such as could be procured for the sum of one hundred dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. ANDERSON,
Grand Treasurer.

The following brethren were present as the accredited representatives of Grand Bodies, near this Grand Lodge, and were received as such :

M. W. John Nichols, P. G. M., Grand Lodges of Wisconsin and Chili.

M. W. Horace H. Munson, Grand Lodge of Indiana.

M. W. George W. Blount, P. G. M., Grand Lodge of Canada.

R. W. Donald W. Bain, Grand Lodges of Alabama, Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, New Jersey, Tennessee and Texas.

Bro. J. H. Mills, Superintendent of the Orphan Asylum, submitted his report, which was read and referred to the Committee on the Orphan Asylum, which the Grand Master appointed, as follows: Bre. W. R. Cox, John Nichols, P. G. M., George W. Blount, P. G. M., J. C. L. Gudgey, and C. J. Mattocks.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

Number of Orphans reported last year,	103
Admitted since last report,	53

Total,	156
Discharged,	26
Ran away,	6
Total,	32

Leaving now at Oxford,	124
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Some of those discharged have returned to their nearest relatives; some have gone to honorable employment in families highly recommended; one was transferred to another school, and several were adopted by childless couples. Many children, whom we took from circumstances extremely distressing, have found new fathers and mothers able and willing to give them advantages which they would never have known, if their real fathers and mothers had lived. Of the six who ran away, two left to avoid punishment. Children untaught, untrained and unrestrained, submit with great reluctance to rules of propriety and decorum; and it is sad, as well as true, that some voluntarily abandon their only hope of ever learning to read, rather than remain where decent deportment is required. Two were gluttons, by nature, and could not be contented with ordinary meals.

Hence on the road-side they made heavy complaints against our bill of fare. Two were natural runaways. Most children love their homes, because their parents and friends, their playthings and property are there; but many orphans have no homes to love, and some have nothing lovely at the places called their homes. Having no personal affection and no local attachment, they are constantly miserable and restless. The remedy is to hold them until they learn to love somebody or something. But these two left before any such impression could be made upon them.

The cash receipts to December 4, have been,	\$8,944 11
The disbursements have been,	8,865 74
Leaving in hand to-day,	78 37

The amount received is less than usual, and the falling off is mainly on the part of the lodges. The contributions of the masonic lodges, since the last Annual Communication, have been as follows:

ST. JOHN'S,	No. 1,	\$ 201 90
ST. JOHN'S,	" 3,	27 50
CHARITY,	" 5,	30 00
AMERICAN GEORGE,	" 17,	9 35
PHALANX,	" 31,	4 48
HIRAM,	" 40,	80 07
KING SOLOMON,	" 56,	3 53
CONCORD,	" 58,	15 16
KILWINNING,	" 64,	30 00
EAGLE,	" 71,	5 93
WIDOW'S SON,	" 75,	50 00
ZION,	" 81,	3 00
FELLOWSHIP,	" 84,	1 00
WESTERN STAR,	" 91,	10 00
JOSEPH WARREN,	" 92,	4 80
JERUSALEM,	" 95,	40 00
ST. JOHN'S,	" 96,	18 35
HIRAM,	" 98,	10 71
FULTON,	" 99,	2 50
WARREN,	" 101,	3 50
ORR,	" 104,	28 50
PERQUIMANS,	" 106,	19 86
CLINTON,	" 107,	25 00
WAYNE,	" 112,	7 70
ST. ALBAN'S,	" 114,	14 52

Mt. Lebanon,.....	No. 117,	\$ 60 00
GATESVILLE,	" 126,	12 00
MOCKSVILLE,	" 134,	20 64
MT. ENERGY,.....	" 140,	8 92
PALMYRA,.....	" 147,	6 00
CHALMERS,.....	" 151,	5 00
WHITE STONE,	" 155,	6 09
ROLESVILLE,	" 156,	1 00
WINSTON,	" 167,	54 20
DELK,	" 171,	3 35
SILLOAM,	" 178,	21 50
CENTRAL CROSS,.....	" 187,	4 55
BURNSVILLE,	" 192,	5 00
FALKLAND,	" 196,	12 50
EAGLE ROCK,.....	" 201,	1 00
ROANOKE,.....	" 203,	6 00
BEREA,	" 204,	1 00
LEBANON,	" 207,	5 25
MT. OLIVE,.....	" 208,	4 60
RICHLAND,	" 214,	2 64
NEW LIGHT,.....	" 215,	5 00
WILLIAM G. HILL,.....	" 218,	5 12
CORINTHIAN.....	" 230,	2 85
LENOIR,.....	" 233,	25 00
ATLANTIC,	" 233,	2 00
WICCACON,	" 240,	2 25
LOCH LOMOND,	" 242,	51 05
ROUNTREE,.....	" 243,	2 00
ROCKFORD,	" 251,	50
HOLLY GROVE,.....	" 252,	10 00
GASTON,	" 263,	25 00
FARMINGTON,	" 265,	23 20
DURBIN,	" 266,	16 25
MEBANEVILLE,	" 272,	20 00
BEAVER DAM,.....	" 276,	10 00
SALEM,	" 289,	16 40
FORESTVILLE,.....	" 282,	5 62
ATLANTIC,	" 294,	3 25
EDGECOMBE,.....	" 298,	9 50
PAMLICO,.....	" 300,	1 08
PLEASANT HILL,.....	" 304,	10 00
HATCHER,	" 310,	9 87

NEW LEBANON.....	No. 314,	\$ 13 68
KINSTON,	" 316,	7 50
EUREKA,	" 317,	65 60
WILMINGTON,	" 319,	20 70
WINTON,	" 327,	4 50
MATTAMUSKEET, ..	" 328,	26 25
FAYETTEVILLE,..	" 329,	10 00
BLACK CREEK,..	" 330,	1 05
BAYBORO',	" 331,	50 00
GOLDSBORO',	" 332,	5 00
LOCK'S CREEK,	" 333,	7 50
ASHPOLE,	" 335,	9 00
PALMYRA,	" 338,	6 00
FAIR VIEW,	" 339,	9 10
CEDAR FORK,..	" 342,	2 50
HICKORY,	" 343,	24 54
SNOW CREEK,..	" 345,	10 00
MT. MORIAH,	" 350,	28 00
DURHAM,	" 352,	14 33
EUREKA,	" 283,	12 00

Number of lodges contributing, 87.

Amount contributed by them, \$1,480 79

Some lodges not mentioned in this list, as for example, Adoniram, No. 149, have made liberal contributions in kind. Some of those contributing cash, as for example, Berea, No. 204, and St. John's, No. 1, have also contributed freely in kind. The members of some lodges have also contributed nobly as individuals, especially at our orphan entertainments. But these are the exceptions and the general fact remains that more than half the lodges and more than half the masons have entirely disregarded the claims of the orphans. Many lodges have never appointed a committee on the Orphan Asylum. Some have never given a cent, and some officers of lodges, when present at our orphan entertainments, have declined to receive and hand over the money which the people had brought and expected to give. Many individuals and several lodges have done their whole duty, and some have been liberal beyond their means; but the burden of supporting the orphan work has not been fairly distributed. Neither has the amount of cash received been sufficient to justify the purchase of some things really needed; but, by using fruits and vegetables very largely, by raising pork, by fattening bees, by selling blooded pigs, by requiring the girls to do all the cooking, by

discharging the hands usually hired for heavy work, by doing without a steward, and by rigid economy, in every department, we have been able to keep the premises in good repair, to enclose a large pasture for the stock, to erect a two-story building for the use of the boys, and to feed, clothe and teach an average of one hundred and twenty orphans.

After an experience of five years, we find that the food, clothing and instruction of each orphan will cost about five dollars a month, and the repairs and incidental expenses will add another dollar, making a total expense of six dollars a month for each orphan in the institution. The work need not cost any more; but, to be well done, it ought not to cost any less.

HEALTH.

We have reason to be profoundly grateful to the Giver of "every good and perfect gift" for the unusual health enjoyed during the past year. There has been no death nor lingering sickness among the orphans. During six consecutive months no one was sick enough to go to bed, and there have been but few days in the year when any one was too unwell to eat the usual meals.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, "That it shall be the duty of every lodge to pay to the orphan asylum five dollars for every person initiated, and not less than five cents a month for every member on its roll, and to state in its annual returns to what extent this duty has been performed."

Less than this ought not to be expected of those who became masons in order that they might contribute to the relief of the orphans in distress.

2. *Resolved*, "That any dimitted or non-affiliated mason may send five dollars a year to the Orphan Asylum, by the committee in whose jurisdiction he resides, and be thereby entitled to all the rites and benefits of masonry, except membership in a subordinate lodge."

Other Grand Lodges are receiving a revenue from their non-affiliated masons for this purpose, and their example may be imitated with advantage by us. Besides it often happens that a good man

and a bright mason is, by some trivial circumstance, denied membership to the lodge in whose jurisdiction he resides. He still wishes to enjoy the rites and benefits of masonry, and under this resolution he can do so with injury to no one, and with advantage to the orphans.

3. *Resolved*, "That hereafter orphans shall be received between the ages of eight and twelve years and be discharged at sixteen."

We have found, by experience, that a thorough English education cannot be imparted to children under fourteen years of age, and that in both mind and body the boys are too immature for most of the trades which they ought to learn. Neither can the girls, at an age so tender, be prepared for the duties expected of them. According to the rule now in force, boys and girls are discharged at the very age at which temptations assail them most fiercely, and before they are prepared to fortify themselves against them.

4. *Resolved*, "That an agent shall be appointed to canvass the State and secure subscriptions to the *Orphans' Friend*, contributions for immediate use, and funds for a permanent endowment."

The *Orphans' Friend* is a very important auxiliary to our work. Its subscriptions more than meet expenses, and its influence augments the income, both in cash and kind. But its subscriptions and its influence ought to be largely increased.

In some counties there are no lodges, and consequently no committees on the Orphan Asylum. An agent could give these his special attention, and also visit those localities in which the committees are indifferent or inefficient. Our people are now unusually prosperous, and some of them desire to contribute to the endowment of the Orphan Asylum. A desire so laudable ought to be gratified.

In conclusion, I wish to be grateful to all the lodges, churches, benevolent societies and liberal individuals, who have been kind to me and to the orphans. It is pleasant to know and to serve so many good people, and to feel that while

"In faith and hope the world will disagree,
Yet all mankind's concern is charity."

J. H. MILLS, *Superintendent*.

Bro. Thomas S. Kenan, from the Committee on the Grand Master's Address, submitted the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Grand Master's Address, beg leave to report. We recommend:

1. That the portion of the Address upon the subject of District Deputy Grand Masters, be referred to a special committee of three.
2. Orphan Asylum: To a special committee of three.
3. Decisions: To the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.
4. That portion of the address in reference to the death of P. G. M. Hill, be referred to the committee appointed at a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge, held in May last.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. S. KENAN,	} Com.
L. A. BIKLE,	
JOHN NICHOLS,	

On motion of Bro. J. C. L. Harris, so much of the address as relates to the Grand Orient of France, was ordered to be referred to a special committee of three, which the Grand Master subsequently appointed as follows:

Bre. James Southgate, M. S. Davis and J. C. L. Harris.

The following Standing Committees were announced:

On Charters and Dispensations:

- No. 1—Bre. Jas. Southgate, Wm. Patterson, and J. M. Fleming.
 No. 2—Bre. B. F. Rogers, D. G. Maxwell, and A. M. Noble.

On Work, Proceedings and Returns of Subordinate Lodges:

- No. 1—Bre. W. J. Stanly, J. S. Bell, and W. E. Bullock.
 No. 2—Bre. Charles Skinner, Lawrence Pulliam and H. J. Harris.
 No. 3—Bre. F. H. Dewey, R. H. Bradley, and D. B. Bell.

On Accounts and Claims:

Bre. J. B. Neathery, B. C. Manly, and T. C. Worth.

On Jurisprudence:

Bre. John Nichols, Eugene Grissom, and Thomas S. Kenan.

On Grand Secretary's Books and Report:

Bre. Robert Bingham, Dudley Peed, and F. H. Glover.

On Suspensions and Expulsions:

No. 1—Bre. James S. Battle, J. C. L. Harris, and L. A. Bikle.

No. 2—Bre. F. H. Busbee, John W. Faison, and Bernice Walker.

No. 3—Bre. George W. Blount, H. A. Gudger, and H. F. Grainger.

On Unfinished Business:

Bre. J. H. Mills, J. H. Cook, and Samuel H. Smith.

On Propositions and Grievances:

Bre. W. R. Cox, James H. Moore, and D. G. W. Ward.

Special Committee on Appeals:

Bre. S. H. Rountree, M. S. Davis, and J. I. Macks.

Bro. Bernice Walker moved that a duplicate charter be issued to Forestville Lodge, No. 282, the original having been lost, which motion prevailed.

Bre. J. I. Macks, Junior Grand Deacon, and James S. Battle, Grand Sword Bearer, appeared and assumed their official positions.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 10 o'CLOCK,
December 5, A. L., 5877, A. D. 1877.

THE Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

The proceedings of last evening's session were read and approved.

R. W., Robert W. Hardie, Senior Grand Warden, appeared and occupied his station.

Bro. J. H. Mills, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

Having examined the Proceedings of the last Annual Communication, we find no unfinished business except that which is already in the hands of appropriate committees, and will be introduced by them. The Grand Secretary has written the proceedings up to date with his usual correctness, neatness and skill.

J. H. MILLS, } Com.
SAM'L H. SMITH, }

The report of Bro. Thomas Palmer, Grand Lecturer, was read, accepted and ordered to be filed.

Bro. B. F. Rogers introduced the following resolution, which was read and referred according to its provisions :

Resolved, That the Committee on Jurisprudence be required to report at this Grand Communication whether a mason who has been an officer of the Grand Lodge, but is at present non-affiliated, is entitled to a seat in the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Jurisprudence subsequently, at this morning's session, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

Your Committee to whom was referred the following resolution, to wit :

“Resolved, That the Committee on Jurisprudence be required to report at this Grand Communication whether a mason who has been

an officer of the Grand Lodge, but is at present non-affiliated is entitled to a seat in the Grand Lodge,"

have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report:

That in their opinion the past Grand officers mentioned in Article I, section 1, of the Constitution, are entitled to membership in the Grand Lodge so long as they comply with Article XVIII, section 1, of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, and the other rules and regulations prescribed for the government of the craft.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN NICHOLS,
THOMAS S. KENAN, } Com.
EUGENE GRISSOM,

Bro. B. F. Rogers moved that the vote by which the report was adopted be re-considered and that said motion be laid on the table, which was agreed to.

Committee No. 1, on Charters and Dispensations, submitted a report recommending that charters be granted to new Lodges, which was adopted, and charters were issued to Lodges as follows:

Bakersville, in Mitchell county, No. 357
East La Porte, in Jackson county, " 358

Committee No. 2, on Charters and Dispensations, submitted a report, recommending that charters be issued as follows, which was adopted:

Mount Vernon, in Pamlico county, No. 359
Mayon, in Cumberland county, " 360

Bro. W. R. Cox, from the Committee on the Orphan Asylum, submitted the report of that committee, which was read and considered by sections.

Bro. B. F. Bullock moved to strike out the third section of the report. After discussion Bro. B. F. Rogers demanded a vote by Lodges on said motion, which being taken resulted yeas 172½; nays 96½.

Bro. John C. Gorman introduced an amendment providing means for the Asylum, pending the consideration of which the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 3 O'CLOCK,
December 5th, A. L. 5877, A. D. 1877.

HE Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

Bro. C. W. D. Hutchings, Past Grand Treasurer, appeared and occupied a seat in the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the unfinished business of the morning's session, being the report of the Committee on the Orphan Asylum.

The question recurred on the passage of the amendment of Bro. John C. Gorman, introduced this morning.

Bro. J. H. Mills presented the following as a substitute for the amendment.

It shall be the duty of every Lodge to pay to the Orphan Asylum five dollars for every person initiated, and not less than five cents a month for every member on its roll, and to state in its annual returns to what extent this duty has been performed.

The substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee was adopted, the last section unanimously, by a rising vote.

The following is the report as amended and adopted :

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

The Committee on the Oxford Orphan Asylum, to whom was referred the report of the Superintendent, Brother J. H. Mills, have had the same under consideration and submit the following recommendations for the consideration of this Grand Lodge :

1. That the orphan work be continued under its present regulations.

2. That orphan children be received from eight to twelve years of age, and discharged at sixteen, or earlier, at the discretion of the Superintendent, subject to the control of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

3. It shall be the duty of every Lodge to pay to the Orphan Asylum five dollars for every person initiated, and not less than five cents a month for every member on its roll, and to state in its annual returns to what extent this duty has been performed.

4. That M. W. G. Master appoint an agent or agents for the purpose of canvassing the State to raise funds for the immediate support of the orphan work, for an endowment funds and to secure subscriptions

to the *Orphans' Friend*, and that he or they be allowed such commissions for his or their services as may be agreed on by the persons so selected and the Grand Master.

5. That the *Orphans' Friend* be adopted as the organ of the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Master furnish for publication in the same such decisions from time to time on Masonic law as he may deem proper, and others are invited to use it as a means of Masonic correspondence.

6. That an appropriation of \$2,000 be made for the support of the Orphan Asylum for the current Masonic year, and the Grand Master issue a special circular to each subordinate Lodge urging their prompt compliance with the recommendations of the Grand Lodge for the support of this munificent charity.

7. That we cordially approve and endorse the general management of the Orphan Asylum by its present able, efficient and energetic Superintendent, and recommend his work to the liberal support of all generous and benevolent persons throughout our State.

In closing this report we express the hope that Bro. Mills may find it convenient to continue in this work which was so auspiciously begun and successfully prosecuted by him.

W. R. COX,	} Com.
G. W. BLOUNT,	
C. J. MATTOCKS,	
JOHN NICHOLS,	
J. C. L. GUDGER,	

Bro. W. H. Fitzgerald was substituted for Bro. Lawrence Pulliam on the Committee No. 2, on Work, Proceedings and Returns of Subordinate Lodges, Bro. Pulliam having been excused.

Bro. F. H. Busbee, for the Committee appointed at the special communication of the Grand Lodge on the 6th of May last, on the occasion of the funeral of Bro. W. G. Hill, P. G. M., to prepare a memorial of this deceased distinguished brother, submitted the following :

IN MEMORIAM.

WILLIAM GEDDY HILL, Past Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, was born on the 11th day of September, 1806. He was the only son of William and Sarah Hill, his father having been for forty-six years the Secretary of the State of North Carolina through many and diverse administrations. No public servant of the State has ever equaled Secretary Hill for faithful and long continued service, and his memory is yet cherished by relatives and friends.

Well did his son sustain the reputation of his sire. He was educated at Raleigh Academy and the University of North Carolina, and afterwards obtained the degree of Doctor of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia. He at once entered upon the practice of his profession, and for more than forty five years was daily engaged in its arduous labors. As a physician he was skillful, faithful, untiring and as gentle as a woman. His fellows of the Raleigh Academy of Medicine truly say:

“ Thus passed from life to eternity one of the best members of our profession. He was kind-hearted and charitable beyond his means. No worthy object of charity ever left his door empty handed, and the multitude from all classes of society that wept at his funeral attested the high esteem in which he was held in this community.”

Yet it is his life and record as a Mason that should be chiefly noted here. From early manhood until the hour of his death he was ever a loyal, zealous, working Mason. Initiated in Hiram Lodge, No. 40, in February, 1831, he was shortly thereafter passed and raised ; in May of the same year he removed his membership to Columbus Lodge, No. 102. Pittsboro, N. C., but upon his return to Raleigh in 1842, he resumed his affiliation with Hiram Lodge, which continued until his death. Passing through various subordinate offices he was elected Master in 1845 and 1846, and afterwards in 1855. In 1846 he was appointed Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge, and in 1850 was elected Senior Grand Warden. In 1862 he was elected to the high position of Grand Master, and after a year of acceptable service declined a re-election. Of his work and his honors in the Chapter and Grand Chapter it is fitting that the record shall be preserved elsewhere, and it is enough to say that he right worthily filed the highest stations in subordinate and Grand Chapters.

Perhaps no man in North Carolina was so well known as a Mason, and so thoroughly identified with its interests as Bro. Hill. He was no holiday Mason. Its tenets and its labors he did not regard as performed by an occasional visit to the Lodge room, a pass-word, an apron, a regalia. Masonry entered into his every day life, and he found it a mentor, a guide, a friend ever faithful to uphold. Through a long life of usefulness and honor he most beautifully exemplified its virtues and kept its lofty purposes ever in his view. Above all, the greatest of these, charity, was his guiding star.

By Masonry he was tutored and fitted triumphantly to subdue the temptations which beset him in early life, and temperance and fortitude were thereafter his hand-maidens. In later years he crowned

his life of Masonic morality by a profession of his faith in the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, and as a Christian Mason his pure life is the highest vindication of the natural result of Masonic faith.

With his mark ever kept in view, he was always ready for the Master's Eye, and though the gavel's sudden summons called him unexpectedly before the Throne, serenely he passed into the new life, and stood "in the temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

In acknowledgment of the loss sustained by the Masons of North Carolina, and in respect to the memory of our deceased brother,

Resolved, That this inadequate memorial be spread upon the minutes of the Grand Lodge.

JOHN NICHOLS, }
FAB. H. BUSBEE, } *Com.*
J. H. MOORE, }

Bro. Busbee accompanied the report with remarks of eulogy on the life and character of the deceased.

The report was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Reports from Standing Committees were received as follows, and concurred in :

Committee on Grand Secretary's Books and Report:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

The Committee to whom were referred the Report and Books of the Grand Secretary, beg leave to report that we have duly examined the books and find that they are kept in the most systematic and accurate manner, and that they correspond in every particular with his report submitted to this Grand Body. We respectfully recommend that the appropriation be made which he asks, for the purpose of providing proper shelf room for the books, &c., in the library of the Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

RO. BINGHAM, }
F. H. GLOVER, } *Com.*
DUDLEY PEED, }

Committee on Accounts and Claims:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Accounts and Claims beg leave to report that the Grand Treasurer's books and vouchers have been properly examined for the past masonic year, and we find the books kept in a manner to reflect great credit on that officer. Vouchers were examined for all moneys paid out, and found correct. We, therefore, most respectfully recommend the acceptance of the Grand Treasurer's Report.

Respectfully submitted,

T. C. WORTH, *for Committee.*

Committee on Propositions and Grievances:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances have had certain cases referred to us, and after duly considering the same, submit the following report:

1. In regard to Alamance Lodge, No. 133, we find there has been no election of Master and other officers since 1875, and no meeting of the lodge for nearly two years. The last Worshipful Master wants the charter renewed, and, it seems, he desires to have the stipend of the lodge due the Grand Lodge remitted, so that he and a dozen of the fifty-eight members, who have made no payment of dues for the last two years, may get together and exclude the balance of the members who have not paid. There seems to be no reason for allowing this lodge to go down, and we cannot, therefore, recommend the remission of dues and renewal of charter, which has been forfeited, unless they comply with the legal requirements in such cases provided.

2. A petition comes from Blackmer Lodge, No. 170, Weaverville, Buncombe county, through the Secretary, asking a remission of dues to the Grand Lodge, on the ground that the old members will not attend the meetings nor pay their lodge dues, and the young members lack the nerve to cut them off, in accordance with the law of the Grand Lodge on the subject. We cannot, in justice to other lodges, who bear the expenses of the Grand Lodge, recommend that the request be granted, and, therefore, disapprove the same.

3. A petition comes up from a number of members of former Prospect Lodge, No. 311, Iredell county, for the restoration of Smiley J.

Brown to the rights of masonry, who, it seems, was suspended over two years ago. The petition takes no official form; does not state that the petitioners constitute a legal majority of the lodge; does not mention the offence for which he was suspended, nor whether there has been reparation or reformation, nor application on the part of the suspended member for restoration. We, therefore, recommend that the petition be returned for amendment, and to be sent up in a more regular form, if desired by the lodge.

4. Hunting Creek Lodge, No. 299, asks a remission of dues on account of the lodge having erected a new hall. We believe it has been customary in such cases for the Grand Lodge to remit a year's dues, and we therefore recommend it in this case.

5. Waynesville Lodge, No. 259, having contracted a debt for a new hall, in the lower portion of which they are conducting a masonic school, the only one, except Oxford, of the kind in the State, and being burdened with an unexpected debt, ask to have their dues for 1876-'77 remitted, and your committee recommend that their petition be granted. We, therefore, offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the annual dues of Waynesville Lodge, No. 259, for the years 1876-'77, and the dues of Hunting Creek Lodge, No. 299, for the present year be remitted.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. R. COX;
J. H. MOORE, } *Com.*

Committee No 3, on Suspensions and Expulsions:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

We, the Committee No 3, on Suspensions and Expulsions, beg leave to report that we have examined the transcripts of the cases below enumerated, and say:

1. That the action of Joseph Warren Lodge, No. 92, in the *indefinite suspension* of W. L. Grimmer and the expulsion of Jesse M. Jones, be confirmed.

2. That the action of Eureka Lodge, No. 317, in the expulsion of Moses D. Lane, be confirmed.

3. That the action of Lee Lodge, No. 253, in the expulsion of E. W. Teague, be confirmed.

4. That the action of William G. Hill Lodge, No. 218, in the *indefinite suspension* of G. D. Cully and T. R. Adams, be confirmed.

5. That the action of the Most Worshipful Grand Master in suspending from the functions of his office J. S. Claywell, Worshipful

Master of Jonesville Lodge, No. 227, be and the same is hereby confirmed. Upon the investigation of the matters pertaining thereto, we find that the lodge is in a state of great disorder and distraction, and much bad feeling entertained among those who should be brethren. We find further that, since the action of the Grand Master, on the third Friday night of October, 1877, the said lodge held an election of officers, re-electing J. S. Claywell W. M.

We recommend that said election be set aside and vacated as being irregular and contrary to the uniform code, and that the functions of the lodge be suspended until the matters of controversy can be adjusted and settled. That the Worshipful Masters of Dellaplane Lodge, No. 355, Yadkin Lodge, No. 162, and Trap Hill Lodge, No. 346, be appointed a committee to investigate the matters of difficulty in said Jonesville Lodge, who shall give notice to said lodge of the time when they will have the investigation, and report their action to the Grand Master, upon which report he may restore said lodge, or take such other action as may be warranted by the report.

G. W. BLOUNT, }
H. A. GUDGER, } *Com.*

Bro. F. H. Busbee, from Committee No. 2, on Suspensions and Expulsions, submitted the following report, which was read and concurred in except as to the cases of L. R. Rose and A. R. Young, which were re-committed to the committee for further consideration of certain points suggested in the remarks on the motion to refer.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

Your Committee No. 2, on Suspensions and Expulsions, desire to report that they have examined the following cases submitted to them, and recommend in each case the disposition respectively hereinafter set forth, to-wit :

1. Blackmer Lodge, No. 170. W. B. Smith. A very singular case. There appears to be no charge against Mr. Smith's moral character, but in open lodge he stated that he had conscientious scruples against being a mason; that he had derived no benefit from it; that he would never sit in another lodge or obey another summons; and that he believed its teachings were contrary to the Bible. Upon the trial he reiterated these opinions, and said he desired to be cut off from the lodge, and much of the same import.

From the whole case, it strikes the committee that a disinclination to pay dues had much to do with Mr. Smith's scruples.

Sentence: Expulsion. We recommend that it be affirmed.

2. Mt. Pleasant Lodge, No. 157, *v.* Fendal Beavers. Charge: Habitual drunkenness. Sentence: Suspension for twelve months. The charges and specifications were fully sustained, and our only wonder is that the sentence was not more severe. We recommend that the sentence be affirmed.

3. Carolina Lodge, No. 141, *v.* F. Lee. Charge: Gross unmasonic conduct. Specification: Failure to obey a legal summons.

Mr. Lee not only failed to obey the summons, but said that the lodge might do what they pleased, he would pay no attention to it. Sentence: Expulsion. We recommend that it be affirmed.

4. Mt. Pleasant Lodge, No. 157, *v.* J. P. Chandler. Charge: Failure to obey summons. The charge and specifications were sustained, and the accused was expelled. While we think indefinite suspension would, perhaps, have been a better punishment, the lodge is the better judge of that, and we recommend that the sentence be affirmed.

5. Patterson Lodge, No. 307, *v.* L. R. Rose. Charge: Habitual drunkenness and gambling with negroes.

The evidence warrants the verdict of guilty, and the sentence of of indefinite suspension is very light. We recommend that it be affirmed.

6. Patterson Lodge, No. 307, *v.* D. C. Faggart. Charge: Unmasonic conduct. Specification: A single act of drunkenness.

The accused plead guilty, and was sentenced to suspension for six months.

Mr. Faggart has expressed contrition for his offence, and it appears to have been a single instance. The Master sends up an appeal for mercy, which the committee approve, and recommend that the sentence be changed into a private reprimand by the Master.

7. Sandy Creek Lodge, No. 185, *v.* James Brewer. Charge: Unmasonic conduct. Specification: We will not mention.

The accused admitted the offence, and we think that the sentence of expulsion should be affirmed.

8. Anchor Lodge, No. 234, *v.* James K. Pool. Charge: Unmasonic conduct. Specification: We will not mention.

Sentence: Expulsion, which we recommend should be affirmed.

9. Rolesville Lodge, No. 156, *v.* A. R. Young. The accused was tried upon the charge of gross unmasonic conduct, with three speci-

fications. The first specification is enough to warrant the sentence, and the evidence raises a strong suspicion of guilt, but, unfortunately, it is purely hearsay testimony, and the lodge cannot properly act upon it. The same thing is true of the third specification. As to the second specification, which is for failing to pay a draft, though able, the committee are of opinion that the assistance of masonry to collect debts should be rarely invoked, if ever, and we should hesitate to have the sentence of indefinite suspension affirmed upon the least important of the specifications. If the accused had collected money for a distressed Master Mason's widow and failed to pay it over, let him be tried for that; let the witnesses be examined by the lodge, which can be temporarily called off if the witness is a woman or a profane; and if he is found guilty, let him be suspended or expelled.

We, therefore, recommend that this case be returned to Rolesville Lodge for a new trial

10. Mocksville Lodge, No. 134, *v.* Haman Fritz. The charge and specifications are not set forth, though the sentence is said to be for habitual drunkenness. The first vote for expulsion failed, and since the charge and specifications are not set forth, since the brother threw himself upon the mercy of the lodge, and since there appeared to be some doubt in the lodge itself, we recommend that the case be returned to the lodge for a new and fuller record and a new trial, or at least, a new sentence. If Mr. Fritz has reformed, the lodge can take that into consideration; if not, they can reaffirm their sentence of expulsion.

Our recommendation is for a new trial, if the lodge order it; if they do not, then for a new sentence, and a fuller record to this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

FAB. H. BUSBEE, } *Com.*
JNO. W. FAISON, }

Bro. W. E. Anderson, Grand Treasurer, from the committee appointed at the last Annual Communication, to present the claims of the Orphan Work to the General Assembly, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted, and the committee continued with same powers heretofore given :

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

The Committee appointed by the Grand Master at last Annual Communication, provided for in the third paragraph of the report of the Committee on the Orphan Asylum, respectfully report :

That to the best of their ability they presented the claims of the Orphan Work to the last General Assembly, and urged an annual appropriation to aid in the support of the Orphan Asylum, both by using their personal influence with the individual members of the General Assembly and with the committees, and by soliciting the personal influence of the prominent masons resident in this city, and the members of the order visiting us during the session of the General Assembly, but the committee regret to say that their efforts were in vain, and that the General Assembly refused to make an appropriation as urged. Your committee respectfully recommend that the intention of urging the General Assembly to make an appropriation be by no means abandoned by the Grand Lodge, but that a new committee, to be composed of new members, be appointed to bring the matter before the next General Assembly, your committee being satisfied that well directed and continuous effort in this direction must eventually be crowned with success.

W. E. ANDERSON, }
FAB. H. BUSBEE, } Majority Com.

Bro. C. D. Rice introduced the following resolution, which was read and appropriately referred :

Resolved, That the Committee on Jurisprudence be instructed to define the rights of a Master Mason, whose dimit and petition for membership have been filed with a Lodge, pending the action of the lodge on the petition for membership.

Bre. George W. Blount, L. M. Pease, and Thomas S. Kenan were announced as the Special Committee on so much of the Grand Master's Address as relates to the property at Asheville, donated for the use of the Orphan Asylum.

Bro. J. I. Macks, from the Special Committee on Appeals, submitted the following report, which was read and concurred in :

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

We have considered the appeal of J. G. Joyner, from a judgment of Winton Lodge, No. 327, whereby the said Joyner was indefi-

nitely suspended from all the rights and privileges of masonry, and recommend that the action of the lodge be affirmed.

S. H. ROUNTREE, }
M. S. DAVIS, } Com.
J. I. MACKS, }

Bro. H. F. Grainger, from the Committee on Work, appointed at the last Annual Communication, submitted a report, recommending the establishment of twenty-five Masonic Districts, each with a District Deputy Grand Master, to be appointed by the Grand Master at each Annual Communication, and prescribing certain regulations for the guidance of the District Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Lecturers.

The report was read and made the special order for tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Bro. W. E. Anderson, Grand Treasurer, introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted :

Resolved, That to the committee appointed to urge upon the General Assembly an annual appropriation for the Orphan Asylum, be added the names of Zebulon B. Vance, Edwin G. Reade, J. M. Worth, Eugene Grissom and Thomas S. Kenan, and that Thomas S. Kenan be appointed chairman of said committee.

Bro. W. E. Anderson, from the Trustees appointed at the last Annual Communication, to hold property for the Orphan Asylum, submitted the following report, which was concurred in :

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

The undersigned committee, appointed under a resolution of the Grand Lodge, 1876, as Trustees to receive and hold any property, real or personal, which may be given or devised to the Grand Lodge, in trust for the support of the Orphan Asylum, &c., most respectfully report that thus far no property has been received by them for the purposes indicated. They trust, however, that during the current year their labors will be increased.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. COX, }
W. E. ANDERSON, } Com.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until this evening at 7 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 7 O'CLOCK,
December 5th, A. L., 5877, A. D. 1877.

HE Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

M. W., Edwin G. Reade, P. G. M., appeared and occupied a seat in the Grand Lodge.

Reports of Standing Committees were submitted as follows, and adopted:

Committee No. 1, on Suspensions and Expulsions:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Committee No. 1, on Suspensions and Expulsions, have examined the following cases, and recommend:

1. That the action of Eagle Lodge, No. 71, in expelling Charles S. Cooley for violating his obligation in that he used low and abusive language concerning a Master Mason, and that he struck a Master Mason, the said blow not being in self-defence, be affirmed.

2. That the action of Forestville Lodge, No. 282, in expelling C. C. Newton and Levi Bryan, for disobeying a summons of the lodge, be affirmed.

The summons in these two cases were sent through the mail, and it is presumed were received by Newton and Bryan; there is no other evidence showing this fact, there being no evidence other than the failure to obey, if the summons were received, showing any disposition on the part of the expelled parties to violate their obligation in this respect, it would have been much more satisfactory if it had been shown affirmatively, other than by the mere fact of mailing a summons, that the process of the lodge had been served, and especially, as the highest punishment known to masonry, was inflicted in these two cases.

The certificate of the Secretary, as required by the masonic code, page 129, attesting the "full, true and perfect transcript of the proceedings of the lodge in every trial," is not written out in full.

The seal of the lodge is attached and the name of the Secretary. We do not think this omission necessitates the return of the two transcripts in these cases to the lodge for the addition of the certificate in the form required. We direct attention to this failure to comply with the prescribed forms, in order that it may not occur again.

3. That the action of Phalanx Lodge, No. 31, in expelling B. M. Presson for receiving ten dollars from a profane, to be paid to the lodge as a part of the fee for the three degrees, and converting the same to his own use and not paying the same to lodge, be affirmed.

The certificate of the Secretary in this case is the same as that in the two cases of Forestville Lodge, No. 282; what is said with reference to those two cases, we repeat as to this case.

4. That the action of Berea Lodge, No. 204, indefinitely suspending Young M. Montague for slandering, and accusing a Master Mason of wilful lying, be affirmed.

The letter of Mr. Montague, addressed to the Grand Lodge, asking to be restored to all the rights and privileges of masonry, and giving as a reason therefor, that he failed to attend the communication at which he was indefinitely suspended under a misapprehension of the day appointed for trial, we deem insufficient, although the facts set forth in said letter are vouched for as being correct by Bro. T. D. Clement, Senior Warden of the Lodge. The evidence fully justified the lodge in its action.

5. The transcript sent up by Franklinton Lodge, No. 123, in the case of Henry Winston, does not contain the seal of the lodge, and it is recommended that the transcript be returned to the lodge for this correction.

6. Waynesville Lodge, No. 259, sends up a transcript in the case of G. M. Smathers, which is fatally defective in the following particulars:

1. It does not appear that the charges and specifications were ever properly made.

2. It does not appear that the accused was served with a copy of the charges and specifications ten days before the day appointed for the trial.

3. A deposition taken before the coroner's jury was the only evidence before the lodge, and this is not set out. The charge was murder.

The certificate of the Secretary in this case is the same as that in the two cases from Forestville Lodge, No. 282; what is said as to

Forestville Lodge, No. 282, is repeated as to the Secretary's certificate in this case from Waynesville Lodge, No. 259. It is recommended that the transcript be returned to the lodge, and that a new trial be ordered.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. BATTLE,
J. C. L. HARRIS, } *Com.*
L. A. BIKLE,

Committee No. 3, on Work, Proceedings and Returns of Subordinate Lodges :

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

The Committee No. 3, to whom were referred the Returns of Lodges, report that they have examined them and find them correct as far as appears to them, except the following.

The following are without date of charter, with seals: Laurinburg, No. 305; Danbury, No. 323; Stanly, No. 348; Double Shoal, No. 356.

The following have date of charter without seals: Sandy Creek, No. 326; Harmony, 340; Numa F. Reid, No. 344; Snow Creek, No. 345; Mt. Mourne, No. 347, Apex, No. 349.

Respectfully submitted,

F. H. DEWEY,
R. H. BRADLEY, } *Com.*
D. B. BELL,

Committee on Jurisprudence :

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

Your Committee, to whom was referred the following resolution, to-wit:

Resolved, That the Committee on Jurisprudence be instructed to define the rights of a Master Mason, whose dimit and petition for membership have been filed with a lodge, pending the action of the lodge on the petition for membership;

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report: Your committee are of opinion that the *status* of such mason is that of a non affiliated one. He has withdrawn from the lodge of which he was formerly a member, and does not become a member of the

lodge receiving his petition until a vote has been had under the prescribed rules of the Craft, and a favorable result declared thereon.

JOHN NICHOLS, }
THOS. S. KENAN, } *Com.*

Committee on Foreign Correspondence:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The undersigned, Committee on Correspondence, respectfully reports: That the Committee on Foreign Correspondence at the last Grand Communication, made an elaborate and interesting report; and finding that the subject of "colored masonry" was being a good deal discussed, and supposing that this Grand Lodge would desire to know what was said elsewhere, and take part in the discussion, reported very elaborately on that subject, and came to very satisfactory conclusions, in which there was, so far as your committee are informed, a unanimous concurrence of opinion in the Grand Lodge. But the tendency of the report was to involve this Grand Lodge farther in the discussion than it felt inclined to go; and therefore the Grand Lodge re-referred the subject with the understanding that the report should do little more than to declare our position upon the subject.

In this action no reflection whatever was intended upon the committee. And, indeed, no doubt that this course would have been agreeable to the committee in the first instance, if they had not supposed that the Grand Lodge would expect a more elaborate treatment.

There are, as we learn, a number of associations of the colored people in our State, some of which are called "Masonic," some "Odd Fellows," others "Sons of Temperance," and the like. How far they conform to the legitimate rituals of those Orders, we do not know. They never ask us for recognition or admission, and we never ask them. If they or we were to do so, each would be refused. If either were admitted it would work nothing but mischief. There is, so far as we know, no prejudice on either side. We sincerely wish them well in all their benevolent enterprises with whatever name they assume. But there is an impassable barrier against social and fraternal masonic intercourse, which we understand and approve, and which they understand and approve. And until some one among ourselves shall be mischievous enough to attempt to break down the barrier, we think it enough for us to stand upon our former deliverance upon the subject.

We have received and have examined the reports of the proceedings of most of the Grand Lodges which are recognized by this Grand Lodge; and we are sorry to say that they are so voluminous that we were obliged to slight much that is in them. This, however, is the less regretted, inasmuch as all contain much of the same thing. For instance: each one tells what the Grand Lodge of New York did. And so there is no necessity to read that forty times over.

The reports of Committees on Foreign Correspondence are very elaborate, from a dozen to fifty pages, and each one repeating, substantially, what another has said. Much of the remainder consists of questions of discipline and work and local matters, which, as they affect not the landmarks, are not of general interest. But still, we do find much to praise and to be proud of. In the addresses of Grand Masters, in the reports of committees and in resolutions, there is much of literary merit, the noblest sentiments, and the purest morals. One cannot search these treasures without finding that ours is a noble Order. Every virtue is maintained and elevated, and every vice is denounced and degraded. Every good man must feel that the lodge is his home, and every bad man must feel that he is a stranger there. The virtues which we find most enjoined are, education of the young, care of widows and orphans, help for the poor, and charity for all. The vices most denounced are, idleness, the man who, instead of being a help, is a burden to his brethren; drunkenness, which destroys usefulness and decency, and entails wretchedness and shame; and profanity, which dishonors God.

These everlasting teachings commend our Order to earth and to Heaven.

Fraternally submitted,

E. G. READE.

*Committee No. 1. on Work, Proceedings and Returns of
Subordinate Lodges:*

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Committee No. 1, on Work, Proceedings and Returns of Subordinate Lodges, have examined the returns from seventy-one lodges, and find them correct, except:

1. St. Paul's, No. 166; Knap of Reeds, No. 158; Mill Creek, No. 125, which neither have seal nor date of charter.

2. Kilwinning, No. 64; Perquimans, No. 106; Johnston Caswell, No. 10; Pleasant Hill, No. 168, which have no lodge seal.

3. Wayne, No. 112; King Solomon, No. 56, which have no date of charter.

4. We also find error in the return of the number of members from Caldwell, No. 180; in which 26 should read 36. Also, in Knap of Reeds, No. 158, which should read 25 instead of 23.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. STANLY, }
J. S. BELL, } *Com.*
W. W. HARRIS, }

On motion of Bro. Thomas S. Kenan, the Grand Secretary was instructed to issue a duplicate charter to Black Creek Lodge, No. 330, the original having become mutilated.

Bro. George W. Blount, P. G. M., from the Special Committee on so much of the Grand Master's Address as relates to the Asheville Orphan Asylum property, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee, to whom was referred the matter of the property donated to the Grand Lodge, by L. M. Pease and wife, beg leave to report that:

WHEREAS, The reservation to the immediate use thereof was such that it was almost valueless for the purposes of an Orphan Asylum, under the management of the Grand Lodge; and whereas, Rev. L. M. Pease has proposed to establish an Orphan Asylum on the property; therefore

1. *Resolved*, That the action of the Grand Lodge, through its officers heretofore, in abandoning the use of said property, be, and the same is hereby, approved.

2. That all claims to said property, under the deed aforesaid, be renounced and released, and that for cancellation of same, the said L. M. Pease be permitted to take such action as he may be advised.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. BLOUNT, }
THOS. S. KENAN, } *Com.*

[Further action was subsequently had on the report.]

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of Grand Officers under the superintendence of Bre. Robert Bingham, John W. Cotten and D. E. Everitt, and the following were duly elected:

HORACE H. MUNSON,.. *Grand Master.*
 ROBERT W. HARDIE, *Senior Grand Warden.*
 J. C. L. GUDGER, *Junior Grand Warden.*
 WILLIAM E. ANDERSON, *Grand Treasurer.*
 DONALD W. BAIN,..... *Grand Secretary.*

On motion of Bro. H. F. Grainger, the vote by which the report presented by Bro. George W. Blount, P. G. M., relating to the Asheville Orphan Asylum property, was adopted, was reconsidered, and the Grand Lodge proceeded to the further consideration of the subject.

Bro. H. F. Grainger introduced a substitute for the report of the committee. After discussion on the two propositions presented on motion of Bro. Eugene Grissom, P. D. G. M., they were laid on the table.

Bro. H. A. Gudger moved that a committee be appointed to procure the services of a Past Grand Master to install the Grand Officers on to-morrow. The motion prevailed, and Bre H. A. Gudger, F. H. Busbee, and Wm. Simpson were appointed the committee.

On motion of Bro. B. F. Rogers, the installation of Grand Officers was made the special order for to-morrow at noon.

Bro. F. H. Busbee introduced the following resolution, which was read and postponed to an hour to be designated on to-morrow:

Resolved, That the property donated by Rev. L. M. Pease be re-conveyed to him when he re-pays to the Grand Lodge of North Carolina five hundred dollars; that the said five hundred dollars be donated to Bro. Pease to carry on the Orphan work for the ensuing year.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING, 10 O'CLOCK,
December 6th, A. L. 5877, A. D. 1877.

HE Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

The proceedings of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

Bro. A. M. Noble introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted :

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, in co-operation with the subordinate lodges in this city, confer with the owner of this building with a view to having two or more windows made on the north side of the lodge room.

Bro. B. F. Rogers introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted :

WHEREAS, Bro. H. A. Gudger, Principal of the North Carolina Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind, yesterday evening extended an invitation to the Grand Lodge to visit that Institution,

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge are hereby cordially tendered to Bro. Gudger for his kind invitation, and we regret our inability from want of time to accept it.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the special order, being the report of the Committee on Work on the subject of the appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters. The same was read. After consideration of the report by sections and discussion thereon, the whole subject was, on motion of Bro. J. C. L. Harris, laid on the table.

Bro. Harris moved that the vote by which this report was adopted, be reconsidered, and that said motion be laid on the table. Adopted.

On motion of Bro. B. F. Rogers, the speeches on all subjects during the remainder of this Annual Communication, were limited to five minutes.

Bro. H. A. Gudger, from the Committee to procure the services of a Past Grand Master to install the Grand Officers, announced that Past Grand Master Edwin G. Reade would perform that service at the hour previously designated.

Bro. W. R. Cox, from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances beg leave to make the following additional report :

We have considered the application of Balfour Lodge, No. 188, to have remitted their dues for 1876, they having paid full dues on delinquents and absentees for the present year, and that the amount paid this year would actually have covered the amount due for two years, if they had not been, inadvertently, seven days too late in cutting off delinquents. As these brethren have had many difficulties to contend with in regard to hall rent, &c., and have manifested a readiness to meet their obligations, paying lodge dues in advance to raise the necessary amount to send up to the Grand Lodge this year, we recommend the adoption of the following :

Resolved, That the annual dues of Balfour Lodge, No. 188, for the year 1876, be remitted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. COX,
J. H. MOORE, } *Com.*

The Special Committee on so much of the Grand Master's Address as relates to the Grand Orient of France, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

The Committee, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's Address, which alludes to the fact that the great fundamental principle which underlies masonry, to-wit: the belief in the

God of the Bible, has been stricken from the constitution of a body of men who claim to be masons, recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That we denounce this innovation upon one of the ancient landmarks of masonry, as a blot upon civilization, the entering wedge by which masonry will be brought into disrepute, and ultimately be made a by-word and reproach to Christianity; that the seal of condemnation of this Grand Body should be put upon this movement in its incipency, not to explain the belief of this Grand Lodge, but that those who are to come after us shall be apprised of the unmistakable position taken upon this question, and have the benefit and support of those who have gone before them.

Respectfully submitted,

M. S. DAVIS,
JAMES SOUTHGATE, } *Com.*
J. C. L. HARRIS,

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented the following additional report, which was read and adopted:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presents the following additional report:

Proceedings have been received from recently organized Grand Lodges, viz:

Dakota—organized July 25, 1875.

Province of Manitoba—organized May 12, 1875.

Prince Edward Island—organized June 24, 1875.

Territory of Wyoming—organized December 15, 1874.

The proceedings of their organization, as well as of the Annual Communications since held, are regular and legal, as they appear from the examination given them by your committee. They apply to us for recognition. It seems to have been delayed in consequence of the failures of previous committees to make reports to this Body.

We recommend that it be extended, with a view to official correspondence and exchange of representatives with them.

We have also received the Proceedings of the organization of other Grand Bodies with an application for recognition, but are not prepared to recommend action at present, further than that the documents be referred to the Committee of the ensuing year, with instructions to investigate and report at the next Annual Communication.

E. G. READE.

The resolution of Bro. F. H. Busbee, introduced on last evening, providing for the re-conveyance of property to Bro. L. M. Pease, was taken up for consideration. The same was read, and the question thereon divided.

The first paragraph was adopted. The second, after explanatory remarks by Bro. Busbee, was withdrawn by unanimous consent.

The hour for the installation of Grand Officers having arrived, the Grand Master announced his appointments.

M. W., Edwin G. Reade, Past Grand Master, installed the Grand Officers, assisted by Bro. Robert Bingham, Grand Marshal, and proclamation was made thereof:

ELECTED OFFICERS.

HORACE H. MUNSON,	<i>Grand Master.</i>
ROBERT W. HARDIE,	<i>Senior Grand Warden.</i>
J. C. L. GUDGER,	<i>Junior Grand Warden.</i>
WILLIAM E. ANDERSON,	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
DONALD W. BAIN,	<i>Grand Secretary.</i>

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

THOMAS S. KENAN,	<i>Deputy Grand Master.</i>
L. A. BIKLE,	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
FRANKLIN H. DEWEY,	<i>Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
BOND E. SEDBERRY,	<i>Junior Grand Deacon.</i>
BASIL C. MANLY,	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
SAMUEL H. SMITH,	<i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
JAMES SOUTHGATE,	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
MILES GOODWYN,	<i>Grand Tiler.</i>

Reports of Standing Committees were submitted as follows, and adopted:

Committee No 2, on Suspensions and Expulsions:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee No. 2, on Suspensions and Expulsions, beg leave to report:

Rountree Lodge, No. 243, v. John L. Ives. Charge: Drunkenness and profanity. Sentence: Three months suspension. We recommend that the sentence be affirmed.

Rolesville Lodge, No. 156, *v.* A. R. Young. Charge and specifications state three instances of defrauding masons and their widows. It would seem from a cursory glance at the proceedings that the testimony was hearsay, but the Committee understand that the Lodge Committee were regularly appointed to take the deposition of Mrs. Clifton and gave the accused notice of the time and place; and further that it was impracticable to have Mrs. Clifton before the lodge. The second specification is proven by witnesses in open lodge. We recommend that the sentence of indefinite suspension be affirmed.

Patterson Lodge, No. 307, *v.* L. R. Rose. Charge: Unmasonic conduct. Specifications: Drunkenness and gambling with negroes. The charge and specifications were sustained, and we recommend that the sentence of indefinite suspension be affirmed.

FAB. H. BUSBEE, *for Committee.*

Committee No. 2, on Work, Proceedings and Returns of Subordinate Lodges:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

Committee No. 2, to whom were referred the returns of lodges from No. 201 to 299 inclusive, respectfully report that they have examined the same and find them correct as far as appear to them, except the following:

Industrial Lodge, No. 212, is without date of charter and seal.

The following have date of charter but no seal: Ashland Lodge, No. 211; Pythagoras Lodge, No. 249; Stonewall Lodge, No. 296.

The following have seals attached but no date of charter: Eno Lodge, No. 210; Salem Lodge, No. 289; Edgecombe Lodge, No. 298.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES SKINNER,	} <i>Com.</i>
W. H. FITZGERALD,	
H. J. HARRIS,	

Committee No. 1, on Charters and Dispensations:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

Committee No. 1, on charters and dispensations, beg leave to report that they have examined the proceedings of Acacia Lodge, U. D., and recommend that a charter be granted.

JAS. SOUTHGATE, *for Committee.*

Resolutions were introduced as follows, and adopted :

By Bro. J. C. L. Harris :

WHEREAS, The room of St. Alban's Lodge, No. 114, was destroyed by fire this morning, the jewels and charters only being saved ; therefore be it

Resolved, That the dues of said lodge now owing to the Grand Lodge be, and are hereby, remitted.

By Bro. F. H. Busbee :

Resolved, That the resolution providing for the re-conveyance to Bro. L. M. Pease, of the property held by the Grand Lodge in trust, be carried into effect by the execution of a quit-claim deed by the M. W., Grand Master, under the seal of the Grand Lodge.

By Bro. A. M. Noble :

WHEREAS, Bro. Robert Bingham has a standing offer to furnish tuition free to the sons of any Master Mason who may be recommended by any subordinate lodge of this jurisdiction ; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to call the attention of the subordinate lodges to this generous and important offer.

By Bro. C. D. Rice :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to all lines of public conveyance, and hotels of this city, that have extended courtesies to members of this Grand Body.

Bro. J. H. Mills was unanimously re-elected Superintendent of the Orphan Asylum for the ensuing year by a rising vote.

The Grand Master announced the following Standing Committees :

On Jurisprudence :

Bre. E. G. Reade, P. G. M., John Nichols, P. G. M., and F. H. Busbee.

On Foreign Correspondence :

Bro. George W. Blount, P. G. M.

On Credentials:

Bre. B. C. Manly, T. C. Worth, and William Simpson.

On Printing:

Bre. B. C. Manly, W. E. Anderson, and D. W. Bain.

Bro. John Nichols, P. G. M., presented the following report of a Special Committee appointed at the last Annual Communication, which was read and adopted. [Bro. Kennan was added to the committee in place of Bro. W. G. Hill, P. G. M., deceased.]

To the 'M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

The Committee to whom was referred the following query, to wit:

“Is it unmasonic to dispense with reading the passages from the Scriptures, as printed in the Masonic charts, in the introductory ceremonies of the several degrees—”

Have had the same under consideration, and submit the following:

In our ritualistic ceremonies we are taught that “music is one of the liberal arts and sciences, “and,” says a learned masonic author, “is recommended to the attention of masons, because as the ‘concord of sweet sounds’ elevates the generous sentiments of the soul, so should the concord of good feeling reign among the brethren, that by the union of friendship and brotherly love, the boisterous passions may be lulled, and harmony exist throughout the craft.” In many jurisdictions, especially in the larger cities, music has been introduced to a considerable extent during the past few years, and we can see no objection to it; nor do we consider it objectionable, certainly not unmasonic, to dispense with the reading of the passages from the Scriptures, and substituting music, either vocal or instrumental, especially when the Scriptures are paraphrased so as to be chanted or sung, as is almost the invariable rule in masonic music. Indeed, where *good* music can be substituted for *bad* reading, it is decidedly preferable.

The passages from the Bible, published in our masonic charts and read during the introductory ceremonies of conferring the degrees, are intended, and when impressively read, well calculated to convey lasting impressions on the minds of candidates, and as a rule, should not be omitted, but the substituting of either for the other, is a

matter for the discretion and good judgment of intelligent Masters of Lodges, where we think it may be safely entrusted.

EDWIN G. READE, }
THOS. S KENAN, } *Com.*
JOHN NICHOLS, }

The Grand Lodge having concluded the business submitted for its action, the proceedings of this day's session were read and approved.

Prayer was offered by Bro. L. A. Bikle, Grand Chaplain, and the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

HORACE H. MUNSON,
Grand Master.

ATTEST :

DONALD W. BAIN,
Grand Secretary.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

By order of M. W., Horace H. Munson, Grand Master, a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of A.: F.: & A.: M., of North Carolina, was held at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Raleigh, on Sunday, 6th day of May, A. L., 5877, A. D., 1877, R. W., Eugene Grissom, Past D. G. M., acting as Grand Master by virtue of the dispensation of the Grand Master.

The following brethren occupied the several stations and places by special appointment :

DANIEL G. FOWLE,	as	<i>Deputy Grand Master.</i>
JAMES H. MOORE,	"	<i>Senior Grand Warden.</i>
PHILIP A. WILEY,	"	<i>Junior Grand Warden.</i>
JOHN B. NEATHERY,	"	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
FABIUS H. BUSBEE,	"	<i>Grand Secretary.</i>
THOMAS H. PRITCHARD, D. D.,	"	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
JACK R. WILLIAMS,	"	<i>Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
JOHN C. BLAKE,	"	<i>Junior Grand Deacon.</i>
BASIL C. MANLY,	"	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
THOMAS W. BLAKE,	}	" <i>Grand Stewards.</i>
WILLIAM SIMPSON,		
J. C. R. LITTLE,	}	" <i>Stewards.</i>
D. S. WAITT,		
MILES GOODWIN,	"	<i>Grand Tiler.</i>

It appearing that a constitutional number of lodges was represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in due form.

Upon a call of the roll, representatives from the following lodges responded ; Johnston Caswell, No. 10 ; Phalanx, No. 31 ; Hiram, No. 40 ; Fulton, No. 99 ; Columbus, No. 102 ; Holly Spring, No. 115 ; Tuscarora, No. 122 ; Franklinton, No. 123 ; Chalmers, No. 151 ; Sandy Creek, No. 185 ; Industrial, No. 212 ; New Light, No. 215 ; Wm. G. Hill, No. 218 ; Wm. T. Bain, No. 231 ; Sapona, No. 280 ;

Forestville, No. 282; French Broad, No. 292: Eureka, No. 317; also, the following Past Grand Officers: M. W., R. W. Best and John Nichols, P. G. Ms. and R. W., Jos. B. Batchelor, P. D. G. M., and a large number of visiting brethren.

The acting Grand Master made the following announcement:

Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

We have assembled to day upon an occasion of as much solemnity as any in the past history of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, who could not be present in person, has granted his dispensation for a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge to solemnize, in ample form, the funeral rites of our honored and beloved Past Grand Master, WILLIAM G. HILL.

This unexpected bereavement clothes our hearts in sadness, and teaches us the most impressive of human lessons, that "in the midst of life we are in death!"

That Omnipotent Providence who, while overruling the destiny of nations, "numbers the very hairs of our heads," and without whom "not a sparrow falleth to the ground," has suddenly removed from *this* to a better and higher sphere of existence, a good man, a kind father, a loving husband, a pure patriot, and excellent physician, an upright mason, an humble christian.

In his death *we* lose a friend, his *family* a protector, the *poor* a sympathizer, the *profession* a votary, the *fraternity* an ornament, *Christianity* an exemplar.

He was called *suddenly*, but not *unexpectedly*. He kept his lamp trimmed and the oil burning ready for the feast. He cherished the constant remembrance of another life than *this*, another judge than *man*, another ordeal than *human opinion*. He did his duty at *all* times, in *all* places, to *all* men. My brethren, we have to-day mingled emotions of *sorrow* and *gladness*. We *mourn* that Dr. Hill is dead! *we rejoice* that Dr. Hill shall never die! So dear to him did the path of duty become from faithful habit, that, as old age gently withered his strength, he tottered on towards honor and immortality.

He went down to the grave calmly, without a struggle, and without a fear. His example will teach on earth, while his spirit rejoices with God. His loved ones commit his ashes to our care; we commit them to the tomb! *Peace to those ashes.*

The following brethren were appointed pall bearers :

Z. B. Vance, W. E. Anderson, L. E. Heartt, John G. Williams, W. J. W. Crowder, J. B. Dunn, V. E. Turner, and Joseph B. Batchelor.

The procession was formed by the acting Grand Marshal, and proceeded to the late residence of the deceased, and thence with the remains to Edenton Street Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of this City, where the funeral ceremonies were conducted by the Rev. Jos. H. Wheeler.

The remains were then escorted to the cemetery on East street, and interred with the appropriate ceremonies of our Order.

The procession returned to the Hall.

Bro. John Nichols, P. G. M., moved that a committee of three be appointed to prepare a memorial on the life and character of the deceased, with resolutions expressive of the sense of the Grand Lodge on its bereavement, and report the same to the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

The motion prevailed, and the acting Grand Master appointed Bre. John Nichols, F. H. Busbee, and James H. Moore, to constitute said committee.

The Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

FABIUS H. BUSBEE,

Grand Secretary, pro tem.



INSCRIBED TO THE MEMORY

—OF—

WILLIAM GEDDY HILL,

PAST GRAND MASTER.

BORN SEPTEMBER 11th, 1806.

DIED MAY 4th, 1877.

“HIS EXAMPLE WILL TEACH ON EARTH, WHILE
HIS SPIRIT REJOICES WITH GOD.”

INSCRIBED TO THE MEMORY

OF

GEORGE FRANK COULEY,

Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Missouri.

Born in Wilmington, Delaware, February 15, 1832;

Died in St. Louis, Missouri, April 11, 1877.

“In his death the poor lost a friend; humanity, an ornament;
the community which he adorned, a valuable citizen; his
personal friends, a golden heart; and the Fraternity
of Freemasons, an example of the best fruits
of the great Masonic Brotherhood.”

INSCRIBED TO THE MEMORY

OF

JOHN ATHERTON HARRIS,

Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

DIED SEPTEMBER 13, 1877.

A beloved and faithful public servant. This record is made as
a testimonial of the individual and masonic virtues which were
conspicuously exhibited in his life.

LODGES

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA, WITH NAMES OF SECRETARIES AS APPEAR ON ANNUAL RETURNS, AND TIMES OF REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	NAMES OF SECRETARIES.	TIMES OF REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS.
St. John's, Royal White Hart, St. John's, Charity, Unanimity,	1 2 3 5 7	Wilmington, Halifax, Newbern, Windsor, Edenton,	New Hanover, Halifax, Craven, Bertie, Chowan,	James C. Munds, John T. Gregory, George E. Pittman, Henry C. Fager, James H. Manning,	Last Thursday evening. Third Wednesday, June 24, Dec. 27. Second Wednesday evening. First Monday even'g, June 24, Dec. 27. First Tuesday evening, Monday of Court, June 24 and December 27.
Phoenix, Johnston Caswell,	8 10	Fayetteville, Warrenton,	Cumberland, Warren,	John B. Troy, Joel G. King,	1st and 3rd Fridays, June 24, Dec. 27. Friday evening before full moon, June 24 and December 27.
American George, Phalanx, Stokes, William R. Davie,	17 31 32 37	Murfreesboro, Charlotte, Concord, Lexington,	Hertford, Mecklenburg, Cabarrus, Davidson,	Oris Parker, H. M. Ramseur, A. J. Yorke, A. C. Hege,	First Saturday evening. Second and fourth Mondays. Last Friday, June 24 and Dec. 27. Friday evening before full moon, June 24 and December 27.
Davie, Hiram, Hall, King Solomon, Concord,	39 40 53 56 58	Roxabel, Raleigh, Indian Town, Jackson, Tarboro,	Bertie, Wake, Currituck, Northampton, Edgecombe,	Thomas F. Lee, E. B. Thomas, W. L. Wilson, James A. Buxton, N. L. Lawrence,	Third Saturday, June 24 and Dec. 27. Third Monday even'g, June 24, Dec. 27. First Saturday morning. First Saturday, June 24 and Dec. 27. First Friday evening, Third Saturday morning.
Perseverance, Kilwinning,	59 64	Plymouth, Wadesboro,	Washington, Anson,	Louis Hornthal, I. H. Horton,	First and Third Tuesdays. Monday night on or before full moon.

Scotland Neck,	68	Scotland Neck,	Halifax,	J. A. L. Conaun,	First Saturday evening and 3rd Saturday morning, June 24 and Dec. 27.
Eagle,	71	Hillsboro,	Orange,	John M. Blackwood,	First Friday evening, June 24, Dec. 27.
Widow's Son,	75	Camden C. H.	Camden,	A. E. Bell,	Third Saturday.
Greensboro,	76	Greensboro,	Guilford,	Thomas J. Whitaker,	Third Saturday.
Zion,	81	Trenton,	Jones,	R. F. Pelletier,	Third Saturday.
La Fayette,	83	Jacksonville,	Onslow,	John H. Cotter,	Fourth Saturday.
Fellowship,	84	Smithfield,	Johnston,	W. T. Griffin,	2nd Tuesday and 4th Friday evenings.
Morning Star,	85	Nashville,	Nash,	John G. Watts,	First Monday evening, Tuesday of Court, June 24 and Dec. 27.
Skewarkey,	90	Williamston,	Martin,	Albert L. Grayson,	First Thursday.
Western Star,	91	Rutherfordton,	Rutherford,	H. J. Sauls,	Second Saturday.
Joseph Warren,	92	Stantonsburg.	Wilson,	J. W. Grainger,	Second Wednesday, June 24, Dec. 27.
Jerusalem,	95	Hockerton,	Greene,	J. K. Davis,	Saturday before second Sunday.
St. John's,	96	Kinston,	Lenoir,	J. J. Dunn,	Third Friday morning.
Wake Forest,	97	Dunn-ville,	Wake,	D. A. Culbreth,	Every Friday evening, June 24, Dec. 27.
Hiram,	98	Clinton,	Sampson,	Lewis V. Brown,	Thursday before second Sunday.
Fulton,	99	Salisbury,	Rowan,	Thomas S. Watson,	First Tuesday, June 24, Dec. 27.
Warren,	101	Kenansville,	Duplin,	O. S. Poe,	1st and 3d Tuesdays, June 24, Dec. 27.
Columbus,	102	Pittsboro,	Chatham,	Edmund S. Hoyt,	Every Monday evening, June 24, Dec. 27.
Orr,	104	Washington,	Beaufort,	H. C. Stokes,	Second Saturday, June 24, Dec. 27.
Perquimans,	106	Hertford,	Perquimans,	N. M. Roan,	Tuesday evening of Court.
Clinton,	107	Yanceyville,	Caswell,	W. J. Thompson,	First Saturday.
Belmont,	108	Faison,	Duplin,	R. E. Walker,	Last Thursday evening,
Franklin,	109	Beaufort,	Carteret,	John H. Powell,	First and Third Mondays.
Wayne,	112	Goldsboro,	Wayne,	S. E. Ward,	Saturday before Fourth Sunday, June 24 and December 27.
St. Albans,	114	Lumberton,	Robeson,	W. H. Stinson,	
Holly Spring,	115	Holly Spring,	Wake,		

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Mt. Lebanon,	117	Wilson,	Wilson,	A. B. Deans,	Every Monday evening, Second Thursday in each month, June 24.
Mt. Hermon,	118	Asheville,	Buncombe,	Lawrence Pulliam,	Thursday evening on or before full moon.
Logan,	121	Jamestown.	Guilford,	P. H. Hodson,	Saturday on or before full moon, June 24, Dec. 27.
Tuscarora,	122	Oxford,	Granville,	Augustus H. Cooke,	First Monday evening; in December on second Monday evening.
Franklinton,	123	Franklinton,	Franklin,	W. A. Blackley,	Second and last Saturday, June 24.
Clinton,	124	Louisburg,	Franklin,	W. H. Furnan, Sr.,	First Thursday.
Mill Creek,	125	Newton Grove,	Sampson,	J. E. West,	First Friday morning.
Gatesville,	126	Gatesville,	Gates,	Thomas A. Brown,	First Monday afternoon.
Blackmer,	127	Mt. Gilead,	Montgomery,	E. J. Lilly,	Friday before full moon.
Hanks,	128	Franklinsville,	Randolph,	J. B. Makepeace,	Third Saturday, June 24 and Dec. 27.
Dan River,	129	Madison,	Rockingham,	W. F. Nelson,	Saturday before second Sunday, June 24 and Dec. 27.
Conoho,	131	Hamilton,	Martin,	R. E. Weathersbee,	First Wednesday at 2 P. M., second Wednesday at 7 P. M.
Radiance,	132	Snow Hill,	Greene,	D. A. Sugg,	Third Saturday morning.
Alamance,	133	Graham,	Alamance,		
Mocksville,	134	Mocksville,	Davie,	P. M. Bailey,	Third Friday evening, Tuesday evening of Court week, June 24, Dec. 27.
Black Rock,	135	Bernard,	Brunswick,		
Leaksville,	136	Leaksville,	Rockingham,	B. J. Field,	Saturday even'g before each full moon.

Lincoln,	137	Lincolnton,	Lincoln,	J. M. Lawing,	First Monday evening, Monday even'g of Court weeks.
King Solomon,	138	Burgaw,	Pender,	M. C. Collins,	Second Saturday morning.
Mount Energy,	140	Wilton,	Granville,	J. C. Usry,	First Saturday, June 24, Dec. 27.
Carolina,	141	Ansonville,	Anson,	J. C. Brown,	First Friday after full moon, June 24 and December 27.
Mount Vernon,	143	Ore Hill,	Chatham,	J. C. Kirkman,	Saturday before 3d Sunday.
10 Junaluskee,	145	Franklin,	Macon,	H. G. Woodfin,	First and third Tuesday evenings.
Cherokee,	146	Murphy,	Cherokee,	R. A. Akin,	First Monday evening
Palmyra,	147	Averasboro,	Harnett,	W. J. Smith,	Third Saturday, June 24 and Dec. 27.
Adairam,	149	Brownsville,	Granville,	H. Y. Allen,	Saturday even'g before second Sunday.
Chalmers,	151	Carbonton,	Moore,	D. Fleming,	Friday on or before full moon, June 24, Dec. 27.
Scotch Ireland,	154	Mt. Vernon,	Rowan,	William B. Chamblee,	Fourth Saturday morning, June 24.
White Stone,	155	Wakefield,	Wake,	W. K. Hunter,	First Saturday, June 24 and Dec. 27.
Rolesville,	156	Rolesville,	Wake,	D. K. Moore,	Saturday afternoon before third Sunday, June 24.
Mount Pleasant,	157	Raleigh,	Wake,	M. W. B. Veazey,	Saturday before third Sunday.
Knap of Reeds,	158	Knap of Reeds,	Granville,	William C. Mann,	Second Saturday, Dec. 27, at 3 P. M.
Rock Rest,	161	Hadley's Mills,	Chatham,	R. G. Zachary,	On Saturday night after full moon, June 24, December 27.
Yadkin,	162	Yadkinville,	Yadkin,	J. B. Wall,	First Saturday.
Archer,	165	Clayton,	Johnston,	J. R. Paddison,	Friday before first Sunday.
St. Paul's,	166	Point Caswell,	Pender,	Samuel H. Smith,	Second Saturday even'g, Tuesday evening of first week of Court.
Winston,	167	Winston,	Forsyth,	A. J. Patterson,	First Saturday, June 24 and Dec. 27.
Pleasant Hill,	168	Patterson's Store,	Alamance,	C. P. Weaver,	_____ on or before each full moon, June 24 and December 27.
Blackner,	170	Weaversville,	Buncombe,	M. B. Evans,	Saturday before third Sunday.
Delk,	171	Coleraine,	Bertie,		

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Buffalo, Geo. Washington, Mecklenburg, Siloam, Caldwell,	172 174 176 178 180	Jonesboro, Green Level, Davidson College Harrell's Store, Chapel Hill,	Moore, Chatham, Mecklenburg, Sampson, Orange,	W. T. Culbertson, J. E. Johnson, W. S. P. Sloan, N. F. Highsmith, C. W. Lloyd,	Second Saturday evening, Dec. 27. Saturday before 2d Sunday, Dec. 27. First Saturday, June 24 and Dec. 27. Fourth Saturday, June 24 and Dec. 27. Saturday before full moon, June 24 and December 27.
Carthage, Townesville, Jordan, Sandy Creek, Pine Forest, Central Cross, Balfour,	181 182 184 185 186 187 188	Carthage, Townesville, Reynoldson, Laurel, Harrington, Peachtree Grove, Ashboro,	Moore, Granville, Gates, Franklin, Harnett, Nash, Randolph,	Samuel E. Smith, O. C. Gupton, Neill McLeod, W. H. Cates, A. M. Diffe,	First Saturday morning. First Saturday afternoon. First Saturday morning. Second Saturday, June 24 and Dec. 27. Wednesday evening before full moon, Tuesday evening of Court.
Fair Bluff, Granite, Burnsville,	190 191 192	Fair Bluff, Clayton, Burnsville,	Columbus, Johnston, Yancey,	E. D. Meares, J. B. Turley, P. Williams,	Second Saturday afternoon, Dec. 27. Third Saturday morning. Thursday before full moon; Tuesday of Court, June 24, Dec. 27.
Falkland, Cary, Eagle Rock, Cleveland,	196 198 201 202	Falkland, Cary, Eagle Rock, Shelby,	Pitt, Wake, Wake, Cleveland,	John King, W. M. Jones, Geo. W. Scarborough, J. C. Gidney,	Saturday before 3d Sunday, at 10 A. M. Saturday before 2d Sunday, at 2 P. M. Third Saturday in each month. Friday evening before full moon, June 24 and Dec. 27.
Roanoke,	203	Weldon,	Halifax,	W. H. Brown,	First Thursday.

Berea,	204 Oxford,	Granville.	T. J. Smith,	Saturday before third Sunday, June 24 and December 27.
Mingo,	206 Hawley's Store,	Sampson,	John Dudley,	First Saturday, June 24 and Dec. 27.
Lebanon,	207 Whiteville,	Columbus,	William S. Frink,	4th Friday at 10 A. M., June 24, Dec. 27.
Mount Olive,	208 Mount Olive,	Wayne,	D. M. McIntire,	Saturday before 4th Sunday, June 24, December 27.
New Salem,	209 New Salem,	Randolph,	J. N. Caudle,	Saturday evening after full moon, June 24 and December 27.
Eno,	210 Durham,	Orange,	R. W. Thomas,	Saturday before 4th Sunday.
Ashland,	211 Mount Airy,	Surry,	R. M. Taylor,	Wednesday evening after full moon, June 24.
Industrial,	212 Company Shops,	Alamance,	R. W. Tate,	First Wednesday evening.
Richland,	214 Thomasville,	Davidson,	S. W. Howerton,	Saturday before full moon, June 24 and December 27.
New Light,	215 Grissom,	Granville,	James Z. Allen,	Third Saturday, at 2 P. M.
Catawba Valley,	217 Morganton,	Burke,	S. McD. Tate,	On full moons, first Tuesday of Court.
William G. Hill,	218 Raleigh,	Wake,	William P. Wetherell,	Second and fourth Mondays, Dec. 27.
Stokesburg,	220 Walnut Cove,	Stokes,	R. H. Massey,	First Saturday, June 24 and Dec. 27.
Webster,	222 Elevation,	Johnston,	Abram Dixon,	Fourth Saturday.
County Line,	224 County Line,	Davie,		First Saturday, at 2 P. M., after each full moon, June 24 and Dec. 27.
Haw River,	225 Oak Ridge,	Guilford,	J. R. Dwiggins,	Thursday evening on or before full moon, June 24 and December 27.
Wilson,	226 Olin,	Iredell,	H. A. Mowbray,	Friday evening, on or before full moon, June 24 and Dec. 27.
Jonesville,	227 Jonesville,	Yadkin,	N. J. Speers,	Third Saturday.
McCormick,	228 Jonesboro,	Moore,	W. N. Lawrence,	First Thursday, June 24 and Dec. 27.
Henderson,	229 Henderson,	Granville,	John R. Barnard,	First Thursday evening. [Dec 27.
Corinthian,	230 Rocky Mount,	Nash,	John H. Thorpe,	Saturday before third Sunday, June 24,
William T. Bain,	231 Banks,	Wake,	William S. Turner,	

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Gunter, Lenoir, Anchor, Cokesbury,	232 233 234 235	Haywood, LaGrange, Auburn, Chalk Level,	Chatbam, Lenoir, Wake, Harnett.	J. H. Farrar, D. C. Murchison, R. A. Spencer, Jno. O. Connell,	4th Sat'd'y, at 2 P. M., June 24, Dec. 27, First Thursday. Saturday before second Sunday. Saturday before first Sunday, June 24, Dec. 27.
Atlantic, Nahunta, Wicacoa, Loch Lomond, Rountree, Monroe,	238 239 240 242 243 244	Currituck C. H., Fremont, Harrellsville, Shoe Heel, Bell's Ferry, Monroe,	Currituck, Wayne, Hertford, Robeson, Pitt, Union,	B. F. Beals, J. J. Barden, Peter P. Smith, E. J. Brooks, T. D. Winchester,	Fourth Saturday, at 10 A. M., Fourth Saturday morning. First Friday morning, First Saturday morning. First and third Friday evenings, June 24, December 27.
New Berne, Elmwood, Catawba,	245 246 248	Newbern, Greensboro, Newton,	Craven, Guilford, Catawba,	Ethelbert Hubbs, John Chamberlain, J. K. Brown,	Third Wednesday. Second Saturday, June 24, Friday evening before full moon, first Tuesday evening of Court, June 24 and December 27.
Pythagoras, Shiloh, Rockford, Holly Grove, Lee, Mount Bethel, Oaks,	249 250 251 252 253 254 255	Smithville, Sassafras Fork, Rockford, Gatesville, Taylorsville, Aspen Grove, Oaks,	Brunswick, Granville, Surry, Gates, Alexander, Rockingham, Orange,	J. J. Adkins, Adam C. Harris, A. W. Turner, John R. Hill, R. S. Barnes, M. P. Cummings, S. S. Webb,	First Thursday. Second Saturday, June 24 and Dec. 27. Saturday evening before full moon. Fourth Saturday. First Saturday, June 24 and Dec. 27. First Saturday, June 24 and Dec. 27. Saturday before third Sunday, at 5 P. M.

Beulah,	257 Pine Level,	Johnston,	H. H. Hare,	Second Saturday morning, Dec. 27.
Harnett,	258 Raleigh, (Wake,)	Harnett,	R. H. Smith,	Saturday before 2d Sunday, June 24.
Waynesville,	259 Waynesville,	Haywood,	William E. Miller,	Friday on or before full moon.
Centre Hill,	260 Edenton,	Chowan,	Thomas Symons,	Fourth Saturday.
Excelsior,	261 Charlotte,	Mecklenburg,	J. M. Spainhour,	Every Tuesday evening.
High Briton,	262 Lenoir,	Caldwell,		Thursday evening before full moon,
				Tuesday nights of Superior Courts,
				June 24 and December 27.
				Friday evening after full moon, Mon-
				day evening of Court, June 24 and
				December 27.
Gaston,	263 Dallas,	Gaston,	W. F. Holland,	2d Friday even'g, June 24, Dec. 27.
				Second Friday morning
Farmington,	265 Farmington,	Davie,	C. F. Bahnson,	Saturday on or before full moon.
Durbin,	266 Blockersville,	Cumberland,	H. C. Fisher,	Second Saturday evening, June 24 and
Dunn's Rock,	267 Brevard,	Transylvania,	A. Horn,	December 27.
East Bend,	269 East Bend,	Yadkin,	J. M. Sutton,	First Saturday evening.
Tabasco,	271 Gibsonville,	Guilford,		Friday even'g before full moon, Monday
				evenings of Court, June 24, Dec. 27.
Mebaneville,	272 Mebaneville,	Alamance,	George W. Tate,	Third Saturday morning.
Watauga,	273 Boone,	Watauga,	J. J. Horton,	Friday on or before full moon, June 24
St. Patrick's,	274 Princeton,	Johnston,	R. E. Phillips,	and December 27.
Beaver Dam,	276 Beaver Dam,	Union,	J. A. Marsh,	Saturday morning before 2d Sunday,
				June 24, December 27.
Green Level,	277 Green Level,	Wake,	A. C. Council,	Second Saturday afternoon.
Colesville,	278 Colesville,	Stokes,	Thomas Martin,	Fourth Saturday.
Sapona,	280 Egypt,	Chatham,	A. V. Budd,	Wednesday evening before 2d Sunday,
Rich'd Watt York,	281 Hanks' Chapel,	Chatham,	F. M. Farrell,	June 24 and December 27.
Forestville,	282 Forestville,	Wake,	S. S. Abernathy,	Thursday before 2d Sunday, June 24.

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Eureka,	283	China Grove,	Rowan,	John Sloop,	First Saturday afternoon, June 24 and December 27.
Greenville,	284	Greenville,	Pitt,	John B. Worsey,	First Thursday morning.
Castalia,	286	Castalia,	Nash,		Third Saturday.
Blue,	287	Carthage,	Moore,		
Eureka,	288	Company Shops,	Alamance,	J. H. Simpson,	Saturday before full moon.
Salem,	289	Salem,	Forsyth,	E. A. Ebert,	1st Thursday even'g, June 24, Dec. 27.
French Broad,	292	Marshall,	Madison,	Jefferson J. White,	Friday afternoon on or before full moon, June 24.
Vance,	293	Morgan Hill,	Buncombe,	A. L. Logan,	Thursday afternoon, before full moon, June 24 and December 27.
Atlantic,	294	Swan Quarter,	Hyde,	George V. Credle,	2d Saturday, Tuesday even'g of Court.
Stonewall,	296	Robersonville,	Martin,		Saturday before third Sunday.
Edgecombe,	298	Toisnot,	Wilson,	J. W. Crowell,	Fourth Thursday.
Hunting Creek,	299	Eagle Mills,	Iredell,	John G. Colvert,	Friday on or before full moon, Dec. 27.
Clay,	301	Hayesville,	Clay,		
Lillington,	302	Harnett C. H.,	Harnett,	B. F. Shaw,	Saturday evening before first Sunday.
Evergreen,	303	Johnsonville.	Harnett,	John Maxwell,	Third Saturday.
Pleasant Hill,	304	Pink Hill, (Lenoir	Jones,	James M. Nunn,	First Saturday morning.
Laurinburg,	305	Laurinburg,	Richmond,	W. H. McLaurin,	Thursday evening on or before full moon, June 24, Dec. 27.
Galatia,	306	Fayetteville,	Cumberland,	D. B. Gillis,	Saturday evening on or before full moon, June 24 and December 27.
Patterson,	307	Mt. Pleasant,	Cabarrus,	D. C. Faggart,	Saturday evening on or before full moon, June 24 and December 27.

Randolph,	309 El Dorado,	Randolph,	P. C. Saunders,	Saturday on or before full moon, June 24 and December 27.
Hatcher,	310 Wilson,	Wilson,	E. G. Barnes,	Third Saturday, June 24 and Dec. 27.
Notla,	312 Murphy,	Cherokee,	G. M. Dickey,	Second Saturday morning.
King Solomon,	313 Saint Paul,	Robeson,	S. P. Klarpp,	First Saturday evening.
New Lebanon,	314 South Mills,	Camden,	John C. Tatem,	First Friday morning
Jerusalem,	315 Jerusalem,	Davie,	A. W. Wiseman,	Fourth Saturday evening, Dec. 27.
Kinston,	316 Kinston,	Lenoir,	M. A. Gray,	First and third Thursdays.
Monetau,	317 Elizabeth City,	Pasquotank,	W. W. Graves,	Every Monday even'g, June 24, Dec. 27.
Wilmington,	318 Crooked Creek,	Stokes,	J. J. Shafer,	Third Saturday afternoon.
Selma,	319 Wilmington,	New Hanover,	Wm. S. Warrock,	Third Tuesday.
White Hill,	320 Selma,	Johnston,	J. C. Scarborough,	4th Saturday morn'g, June 24, Dec. 27.
Granite,	321 Greenwood,	Moore,	J. M. Cole,	3d Saturday even'g, June 24, Dec. 27.
Danbury,	322 Mt. Airy,	Surry,	J. W. Shepherd,	First Tuesday evening.
Wentworth,	323 Danbury,	Stokes,	N. M. Pepper,	Third Saturday.
	324 Wentworth,	Rockingham,	A. J. Boyd,	Saturday before full moon, Wednesday of Court.
Falling Creek,	325 Goldsboro,	Wayne,	Richard Manly,	Saturday before third Sunday, at 10 A. M., June 24 and December 27.
Sandy Creek,	326 Sandy Creek,	Randolph,	G. B. Kime,	Second Saturday, June 24 and Dec. 27.
Winton,	327 Winton,	Hertford,	A. J. Northcott,	Saturday before 4th Sunday.
Mattamuskeet,	328 Engelhard,	Hyde,	Israel B. Watson,	Fourth Saturday at 1 P. M.
Fayetteville,	329 Fayetteville,	Cumberland,	C. B. McMillan,	Second and fourth Friday evenings.
Black Creek,	330 Black Creek,	Wilson,	D. R. Eatman,	Third Saturday morning.
Bayboro,	331 Stonewall,	Pamlico,	Paul J. Daniels,	Fourth Saturday, at 10 A. M.
Goldsboro,	332 Goldsboro,	Wayne,	W. H. Borden,	First and Third Thursday evenings.
Lock's Creek,	333 Fayetteville,	Cumberland,	Cyrus Murphy,	Fourth Saturday, June 24 and Dec. 27.
Roman Eagle,	334 Reidsville,	Rockingham,	William Goodman,	Third Friday even'g, June 24, Dec. 27.
Ash Pole,	335 Red Banks,	Robeson,	David Alford,	Second Saturday.
Ionic,	337 Kittrell,	Granville,	J. H. Fuller,	Wednesday evening before full moon.
Palmyra,	338 Palmyra,	Halifax,	W. T. Savage,	First Wednesday.

Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, &c.—CONTINUED.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	NAMES OF SECRETARIES.	TIMES OF REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS.
Fairview,	339	King's Mountain,	Cleveland,	R. S. Sugg,	Thursday evening before full moon, June 24, December 27, First Thursday,
Harmony,	340	Pikeville,	Wayne,	D. A. Williams,	
Rock Spring,	341	Rock Spring,	Lincoln,	J. J. Edwards,	Saturday before third Sunday, Dec. 27.
Cedar Fork,	342	Morrisville,	Wake,	Julius Flaum,	Friday evening after full moon, June 24, December 27.
Hickory,	343	Hickory,	Catawba,		Saturday evening before full moon, Friday evening on or before full moon, Saturday evening on before full moon. 2d and 4th Saturdays, June 24, Dec 27.
Numa F. Reid,	344	High Point,	Guilford,	W. C. Denny,	
Snow Creek,	345	Snow Creek,	Iredell,	T. M. Marshall,	
Trap Hill,	346	Trap Hill,	Wilkes,	T. W. Smith,	
Mount Mourne,	347	Mount Mourne,	Iredell,	W. A. Mayhew,	
Stanly,	348	Albemarle,	Stanly,	J. O. Ross,	
Apex,	349	Apex,	Wake,	Q. I. Hudson,	Saturday before first Sunday. 2d and 4th Wednesdays at 10 A. M.
Mount Moriah,	350	Battleboro,	Nash,	J. H. Jones,	First Thursday.
Enfield,	351	Enfield,	Halifax,	George B. Curtis,	Second and fourth Tuesday evenings, June 24, Dec 27.
Durham,	352	Durham,	Orange,	Alexander Walker,	Friday evening on or before full moon. First Saturday.
Moravian,	353	Moravian Falls,	Wilkes,	C. Laws,	Saturday evening on or before full moon. June 24 and Dec. 27.
Euno,	354	New Hill,	Wake,	J. T. Judd,	Saturday evening on or before full moon, June 24, December 27.
Dellaplane,	355	Dellaplane,	Wilkes,	J. D. Hunt,	Tuesday before full moon, Tuesday of Court.
Double Shoal,	356	Cleveland Mills,	Cleveland,	T. E. McBrayer,	
Bakersville,	357	Bakersville,	Mitchell,	J. W. Bailey,	

East La Porte,	358 East La Porte,	Jackson,	R. H. Stephen	Sat'dy on or before full moon at 1 P. M.
Mt. Vernon,	359 Stonewall,	Pamlico,	James O. Baxter,	Second Saturday.
Mayon,	260 Clay Fork,	Cumberland,	M. McK. Smith,	Third Saturday.
Acacia,	361 Belle Voir,	Chatham,	I. N. Mann,	Wednesday evening before full moon, December 27.

ABSTRACT of Returns from Subordinate Lodges for Masonic year ending October 31st, 1877.

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St. John's	1	1	1	1		2			2				107	9	116	\$ 53 50
Royal White Hart.....	2										2	1	36		36	18 00
St. John's	3	3	2	4	1	6					1	1	77		77	38 50
Charity	5	11	10	10	1	2						3	59	1	60	29 50*
Unanimity	7								6			2	36	9	45	37 50
Phoenix.....	8								4			1	65	28	93	32 50
Johnston Caswell.....	10	2	2	2	1								32	7	39	16 00
American George.....	17	1			2			1	1			2	41	5	46	20 00
Phalanx.....	31	4	3	4		2		1			1		116	48	164	58 00
Stokes.....	32				1					1	1	1	30	53	83	23 00
William R. Davie.....	37				1				11		2		48	13	61	24 50
Davie.....	39	2	2	1		2					1	2	25	3	28	
Hiram.....	40				1							1	71	8	79	35 50
Hall.....	53	4	4	4		2							43		43	21 50

King Solomon.....	56	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	59	6	65	29 50
Concord	58									1	1	1	1	50	19	69	25 00
Perseverance.....	59					1						3		29	3	32	14 50
Kilwinning.....	64				1		2			7	1		1	57	7	64	28 50
Scotland Neck.....	68	13	12	9	2	2	1						1	38	1	39	19 00
Eagle.....	71					1				1				74	26	100	.....
Widow's Son.....	75	2	2	2										61			30 50
Greensboro'.....	76												2				.....
Zion	81	1	1	1	1									41	1	42	20 50
LaFayette.....	83																.....
Fellowship.....	84																.....
Morning Star	85	1	1	1	1		1			8			3	54	8	62	27 00
Skewarkee.....	90	4	2	2	1	2						1	1	36	1	37	18 00
Western Star.....	91	3	2	2								4	1	45		45	22 50
Joseph Warren.....	92	1	1	2			1					1	2	43	4	47	21 50
Jerusalem.....	95						1				1		1	41	5	46	20 50
St. John's.....	96										2		3	36	15	51	18 00
Wake Forest.....	97													29		29	14 50
Hiram.....	98								1					57		57	28 50
Fulton.....	99	1	2	3						5				46	11	57	27 00
Warren.....	101	1	1	1			1					3		49	9	58	24 50
Columbus.....	102									3		2		40	8	48	

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Orr.....	104											4	32	23	60	\$ 16 00
Perquimans.....	106	4	4	4	1		1					1	30	10	40	15 00
Clinton.....	107		2	3							2	1	53	34	87	
Belmont.....	108								1			1	38	6	44	19 00*
Franklin.....	109						1				1	3	58	9	67	27 50
Wayne.....	112	3	3	3		1					2		47		47	23 50
St. Albans.....	114	1				1						1	92	1	93	
Holly Spring.....	115											1	39	4	43	
Mt. Lebanon.....	117								1		3	1	60	1	61	30 00
Mt. Hermon.....	118	4	4	2	1	1					1		75	13	88	36 00
Logan.....	121										2	2	70		70	
Tuscarora.....	122					1			10			1	32	59	91	16 00
Franklington.....	123				1					2	3		28	21	49	
Clinton.....	124											1	36	10	46	18 00

Mt. Creek.....	125	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	45	13	58	22 00
Gatesville.....	126	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	6	32	13 00
Blackmer.....	127	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	1	2	61	10	71	30 50
Hanks.....	128	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	39	24	63	19 50
Dan River.....	129	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	44	1	45	.....
Concho.....	131	1	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27	4	31	13 50
Radiance.....	132	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	38	10	48	.....
Alamance.....	133	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mocksville.....	134	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42	25	67	.....
Black Rock.....	135	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Leaksville.....	136	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	39	1	40	.....
Lincoln.....	137	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23	34	62	14 00
King Solomon	138	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mount Energy.....	140	1	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42	10	52	21 50
Carolina.....	141	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	48	12	60	23 50
Mount Vernon.....	143	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32	26	58	.....
Junaluskee.....	145	.....	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	1	41	20 00
Cherokee.....	146	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	39	.....	39	37 30
Palmryra.....	147	3	1	1									39	4	43	19 50
Adoniram.....	149												33		33	16 50
Chalmers.....	151															
Scotch Ireland.....	151												12	2	14	6 00

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White Stone.....	155								6	2	1		50	6	56	25 00
Rolesville.....	156	2	2	2	1	1	1		3		2		21	4	25	10 50
Mount Pleasant.....	157				1		1	1			1		53	8	61	26 50
Knap of Reeds.....	158				1				9	1		1	23	11	34	26 50
Rock Rest.....	161				1	1					5		34		34	17 00
Yadkin.....	162											2	70		70	31 00
Archer.....	165											1	28		28	14 00
St. Paul's.....	166				1								17		17	17 50
Winston.....	167	9	9	6	8						1		87	24	111	43 50
Pleasant Hill.....	168								11			1	25	11	36	11 50
Blackmer.....	170		1			2		1			7		47		47	
Delk.....	171								1	1			16	3	19	7 50
Buffalo.....	172															
George Washington.....	174								2				67	8	75	33 50

Mecklenburg.....	176										1		17	17	8 50
Siloam.....	178	1	1	1									30	3	15 00
Caldwell.....	180												51	11	33 00
Carthage.....	181														.....
Townesville.....	182														.....
Jordan.....	184												16		.....
Sandy Creek.....	185	2	1				1	6					27	47	13 50
Pine Forest.....	186														11 00
Central Cross.....	187														32 50
Balfour.....	188					3							54	5	27 00
Fair Bluff.....	190					3	1	2					38	8	.....
Granite.....	191												26		13 00
Burnsville.....	192	10	8	10								1	45		40 00
Falkland.....	196	3	1	1	1							2	33	1	16 50
Cary.....	198							1	1			1	41		20 50
Eagle Rock.....	201											1	20	2	10 00
Cleveland.....	202	1	1	2		2		4					62	16	31 00
Roanoke.....	203		2	1									29	3	14 50
Berea.....	204							1					46	18	
Mingo.....	206												36		18 00
Lebanon.....	207	1					1					5	40	5	20 00
Mt. Olive.....	208											1	21	28	10 50

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New Salem.....	209											1	58		58	29 00
Eno.....	210	1	1	1									60		60	30 00
Ashland.....	211	5	6	4					11	2			48	26	74	23 50
Industrial.....	212				1				11		2		33	12	45	16 50
Richland.....	214	1	1	1							1	2	76	8	84	42 60
New Light.....	215										1	1	40		40	
Catawba Valley.....	217												25	27	52	
William G. Hill.....	218	5	5	3	4		2						96	3	99	
Stokesburg.....	220	2	1	1								1	63	2	65	31 50
Webster.....	222	1		2			2					1	20	12	32	10 00
County Line.....	224															
Haw River.....	225												48		48	24 00
Wilson.....	226										4	1	27	2	29	
Jonesville.....	227	5	5	4	1		1			2	1		67	17	84	33 50

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Mount Bethel.....	254	2	2		1						2	1	14		14	
Oaks.....	255										1	1	37		37	19 50
Beulah.....	257	2	1	1								1	25		25	12 50
Harnett.....	258											1	19	3	22	
Waynesville.....	259	2	2	2		2	2		8	1	1		56	9	65	
Centre Hill.....	260	1	1	1								1	15		15	7 50
Excelsior.....	261	2	3	2					4			2	43	4	47	21 50
High Briton.....	262										4		60	1	61	
Gaston.....	263	3	4	2		2		1	2			1	54	2	56	27 00
Farmington.....	265		1	2		2	1					1	49	1	50	24 50
Durbin.....	266	2	2	2							4		26	2	28	13 00
Dunn's Rock.....	267															
East Bend.....	269	1	1			3							50		50	
Tabasco.....	271	3	3	2									32		32	16 00

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Lillington.....	302	3	2	2							2		23		23	
Evergreen.....	303												19	1	20	9 50
Pleasant Hill.....	304	1	1								1		13	2	15	6 50
Laurinburg.....	305	1				1						1	42	7	49	21 00
Galatia.....	306					2							27		27	13 50
Patterson.....	307	3	2	2		1							22	2	24	11 00
Randolph.....	309	5	2	2		4					5		66		66	33 00
Hatcher.....	310	1	1										22		22	11 00
Notla.....	312	5	1	1	2								31	2	33	15 50
King Solomon.....	313												36	6	42	18 00
New Lebanon.....	314				1				1				32	3	35	16 00
Jerusalem.....	315	2	2	1								1	18	3	21	9 00
Kinston.....	316												27		27	13 50
Eureka.....	317		3	3		1		1		5	2	1	58	28	86	28 00

Monatau.....	318							1						21	4	25	10 50
Wilmington.....	319	4	4	3	2	1								37		37	18 50
Selma.....	320			1										13		13	.....
White Hill.....	321													25	7	32	.....
Granite.....	322	1	2	1										20	1	21	10 00
Danbury.....	323													20	3	23	10 00
Wentworth ..	324	4						1			2		2	33	4	37	16 50
Falling Creek.....	325												1	25	3	28	12 50
Sandy Creek.....	326													16	3	19	8 00
Winton.....	327			1				1			1			16		16	8 00
Mattamuskeet.....	328	3	3	4										34	1	35	17 00
Fayetteville.....	329			1										17	28	45	8 50
Black Creek.....	330	2	2	4										19	3	22	9 50
Bayboro.....	331	1				2	1					8		38	1	39	19 00
Goldsboro.....	332								1			1		28	1	29	14 00
Lock's Creek.....	333	2	2	3										22	3	25	11 00
Roman Eagle.....	334	1	1	1								2		23	2	25	11 50
Ash Pole.....	335	3	3	3		2								25	2	27	12 50
Ionic.....	337	2	1	1										28		28	14 00
Palmyra	338	3	2		1	1						2		8		8	4 00
Fairview	339	1	1	1										20	3	23	10 00
Harmony.....	340	4	4	2	1	1			1		1	2		27	2	29	13 50

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Rock Spring.....	341															17 50
Cedar Fork.....	342												16	1	17	8 00
Hickory.....	343		1	1	3						1	1	32	3	35	16 00
Numa F. Reid.....	344	3	1			1					1		30	2	32	15 00
Snow Creek.....	345	2	2	2	3								19		19	
Trap Hill.....	346	6	3	2	1								36	10	46	18 00
Mount Mourne.....	347	8	8	8		1					1		28	1	29	12 00
Stanly.....	348	5	3	3	1	1					1		32	7	39	16 00
Apex.....	349												11	2	13	11 00
Mount Moriah.....	350	3	2	2									14	2	16	6 50
Enfield.....	351	2	2	2	1								20	7	27	10 00
Durham.....	352	5	5	5	5	3							24		24	12 00
Moravian.....	353	1	1										12	7	19	6 00
Euno.....	354	1	1	1	1								17		17	8 50

Dellaplane.....	355	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	14	30	8 00
Double Shoal.....	356	3	4	4	4	1	2	1	1	1	1	17	1	18	8 50
Bakersville.....	(357)	1	4	4	4							18	4	22	.....
East La Porte.....	(358)											13	7	20	.....
Mount Vernon.....	(359)	1	1	1	1	1						11	.....	11	.....
Mayon.....	(360)	1	1	1	1	1						8	7	15	.....
Acacia.....	(361)											7	19	26	.....

Total Dues Paid, \$3,402 90

RECAPITULATION.

AGGREGATE OF LODGES.

Number of Lodges represented at Annual Communication, 1877,.....	126
“ “ making returns in the year 1877,.....	218
“ “ from which no returns were received,.....	19
“ “ at work,.....	237
“ chartered Lodges gone out of existence,.....	123
Number of Lodges formerly and at present existing,.....	360

STATISTICS OBTAINED FROM RETURNS IN 1877, OF CHARTERED LODGES AND LODGES U. D.

Initiated,.....	292
Passed,.....	257
Raised,.....	245
Admitted in chartered Lodges,	82
Rejected,	86
Suspended,.....	26
Expelled,.....	17
Excluded for non-payment of dues,.....	239
Reinstated,.....	35
Withdrawn,.....	173
Died,.....	114

AGGREGATE OF MASONS.

Number of Members returned,	8,017
“ “ Resident Masons not Members returned,.....	1,364
Whole number returned,.....	9,381
Add members (827) and Resident Masons (102) as obtained from the last returns of Lodges failing to make returns in 1877,	929
Estimated number formerly members of Lodges now extinct, not re- turned by any Lodge,.....	1,400
Total membership and resident masons not members,.....	11,710

FRATERNAL DEAD.

Royal White Hart, No.	2, Shugan I. Snow.
St. John's,	" 3, Henry P. Whitehurst.
Charity,	" 5, L. D. Perry, Thos. H. Speller, Joseph B. Nichols.
Unanimity,	" 7, William C. Wood, John F. Clayton.
Phoenix,	" 8, J. M. Monk.
American George,	" 17, Eli Carter, Samuel Alexander.
Stokes,	" 32, W. A. Weddington.
Davie,	" 39, Joseph Cotten, Thomas J. Pugh.
Hiram,	" 40, William G. Hill, P. G. M.
Kilwinning,	" 64, Rev. E. W. Thompson.
Scotland Neck,	" 68, James M. Lovejoy.
Zion,	" 81, Alfred Whitty.
Morning Star,	" 85, A. G. H. Cooper, Jephtha Lindsey, Redmund Thorn.
Skewarkee,	" 90, Joseph Melson.
Western Star,	" 91, Madison H. Kilpatrick.
Joseph Warren,	" 92, W. A. Darden, Bryant Little.
Jerusalem,	" 95, T. W. Hart.
St. John's,	" 96, S. J. Carrow, John Jackson, H. W. Blount.
Orr,	" 104, Ransom A. Chauncey, John Harriss, J. F. Randolph, Williams Whitaker.
Perquimans,	" 106, A. R. Elliott.
Clinton,	" 107, Thomas W. Graves.
Belmont,	" 108, Frederick Boyett.
Franklin,	" 109, T. A. Robbins, W. C. King, Henry Waters.
St. Albans,	" 114, William Carlile.
Holly Spring,	" 115, Rev. Thomas G. Whitaker.
Mt. Lebanon,	" 117, B. H. Lancaster.
Logan,	" 121, Wm. Lamb, James N. Millis.
Tuscarora,	" 122, H. C. Hicks.
Clinton,	" 124, Dr. Ellis Malone, P. D. G. M.
Mill Creek,	" 125, Rev. L. D. Somerlin, Blackman Lee.

FRATERNAL DEAD.—(*Continued.*)

Gatesville,	No. 126, James R. Hofler.
Blackmer,	" 127, E. D. Wooley, J. W. Dunn.
Dan River,	" 129, T. W. Dandridge, W. W. Oliver, G. W. Webster.
Mocksville,	" 134, W. Stonestreet, D. A. Parker, W. R. Sharpe.
King Solomon,	" 138, James F. Croom.
Cherokee,	" 146, D. P. Queen.
Knap of Reeds,	" 158, William T. Gooch.
Yadkin,	" 162, L. D. Kelly, J. G. Marler.
Archer,	" 165, E. D. Whitley.
Pleasant Hill,	" 168, Joel Shoffner.
Balfour,	" 188, George W. Hislop, Wm. Lewis, J. M. Hancock, Samuel Walker.
Burnsville,	" 192, John W. Houston.
Falkland,	" 196, John P. Rogers.
Cleaveland,	" 202, D. W. Williams.
New Salem,	" 209, A. M. Hardin.
Richland,	" 214, W. W. Shelly, M. D. Skeen.
New Light,	" 215, D. D. Bailey.
Stokesburg,	" 220, W. D. Brown.
Webster,	" 222, Nasrow Creech.
Wilson,	" 226, Rev. R. H. Parks.
Henderson,	" 229, Samuel Edwards.
Corinthian,	" 230, T. W. Green.
Lenoir,	" 233, J. L. Hardy, A. Lane.
Loch Lomond,	" 242, Daniel Smith.
Monroe,	" 244, E. W. Richardson, T. C. Roland.
New Berne,	" 245, Isaac H. Hill, Walter G. West, John W. Creagh.
Rockford,	" 251, L. H. Dobson.
Lee,	" 253, R. O. Bennett.
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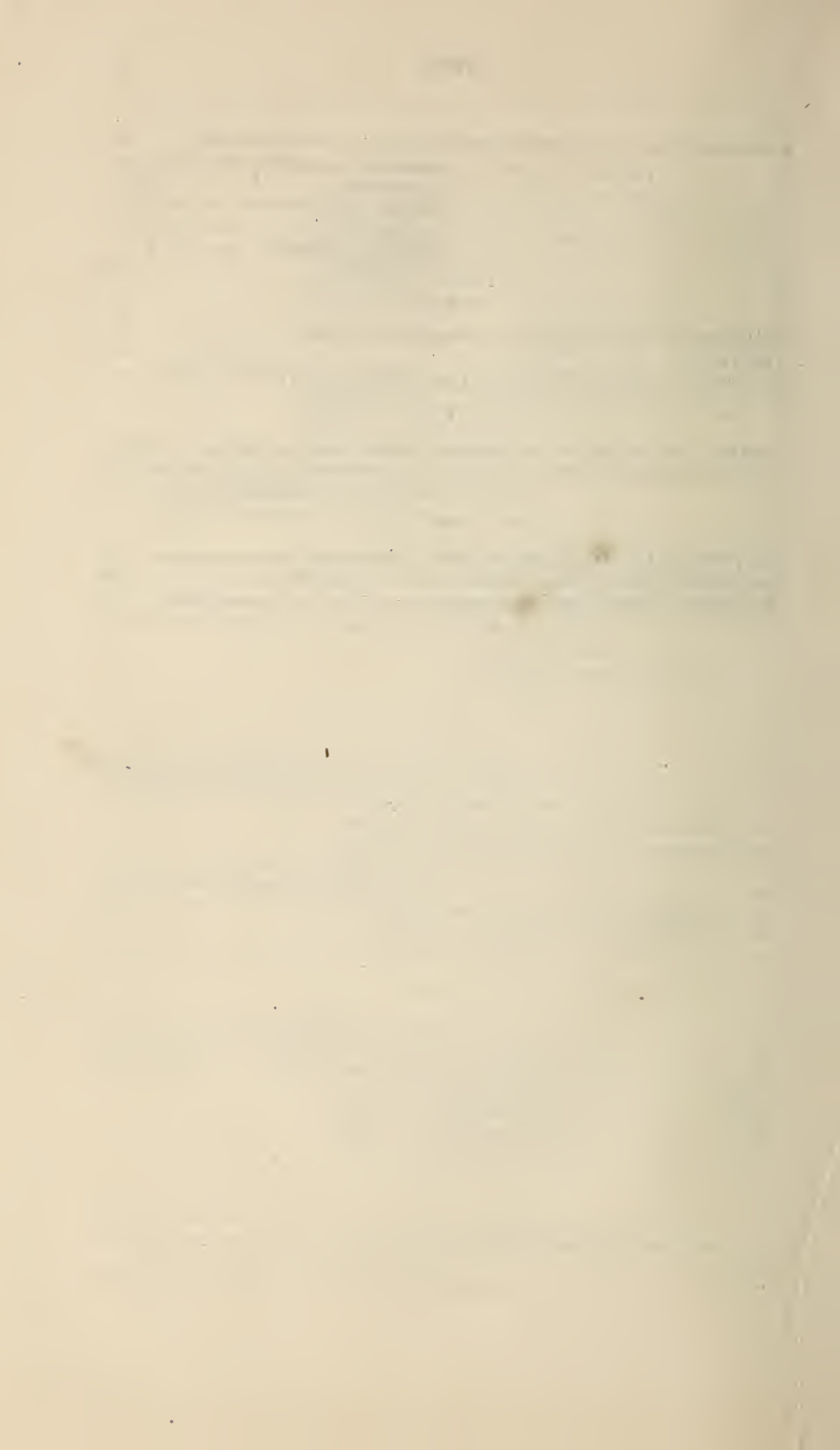
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